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Terror alert given before jet disasters

Suicide strengthens 'bomb on jet' theory

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, in London, and David Watts in Tokyo

A warning that the Japanese Red Army terrorist group was preparing a blitz on international passenger aircraft was passed to airlines more than a week ago.

It came only days before two aircraft, belonging to the South African and South Korean airlines, apparently "exploded" in mid-air.

The terrorist sabotage theory surrounding the loss of the two airliners over the weekend was strengthened yesterday with the news that an Asian man arrested in connection with the disappearance of the South Korean aircraft had committed suicide in custody.

The unidentified man, in his sixties, and a woman travelling with him, both took poison pills in Bahrain. The woman, in her twenties, survived her suicide attempt and is expected to recover.

The international alert for possible terrorist attacks was sent to every government with an international airline after the arrest in Hong Kong, days before the detention of the couple in Bahrain, of another suspected terrorist, who turned out to be a member of the anarchist Red Army who was returning to Tokyo after training in Libya.

Security chiefs in turn passed on the message to airlines through the International Air Transport Association (Iata). At least one world airline has confirmed receipt of the warning.

Korean Airlines is, however, not a member of Iata and may not have received the warning, even though the South Korean Government was informed.

Now Iata is renewing its appeal to all airlines, especially those flying in the Far East and to South Africa, to take extra precautions.

Although there is no firm evidence that the South African Airways (SAA) Boeing 747 which plunged into the sea off Mauritius at the weekend was brought down by a bomb, airline security men believe that is now the most likely cause of the crash. SAA is a member of Iata and should have received the warning.

The Japanese Red Army has been dormant for more than two years and airline security chiefs, who regularly pass information among themselves, had begun to believe that the threat the group had posed was past.

But the recent arrest sent new fears through the airlines. Anti-terrorist experts now believe that a small number of active Red Army killers have been ordered to carry out random attacks on airlines.

They base their belief on information given to police by the arrested man. He had been sent to Libya to train and fled after apparently becoming disenchanted. He then flew to Hong Kong and was arrested at the airport as he was on his way back to Tokyo.

Security chiefs in Hong Kong and Tokyo were immediately summoned and decided to warn their counterparts in every country which had links with South Korea or Japan.

The man's evidence also indicated that the banned South African organization, the African National Congress (ANC), may also be preparing to turn its own terror campaign against South African aircraft.

"Everything points to the South African jet being brought down by a bomb," said one leading security man yesterday. "We are waiting for the autopsy on the bodies which have been found, but it is at least highly probable that they were killed by a bomb in the aircraft. This could be the re-emergence of a campaign against aircraft."

The South African Airways jumbo was apparently flying normally at around 30,000 feet when the pilot reported smoke in the cabin. Airlines were at first worried that this may have been caused by the dust raised by some form of decompression. But this is now thought to be unlikely. Instead they believe, a bomb could have been detonated in the cargo hold.

The couple detained in Bahrain had been travelling on the Korean Airlines Boeing 707 before it disappeared with 115 people on board.

A South Korean official said yesterday that the airliner had probably been blown up by a time-bomb.

Mr Lee Seong Eon, spokesman for the South Korean Embassy in Bangkok was quoted as saying: "It seems it must have been a time-bomb, but we don't have a specific clue."

The plane is believed to have crashed near the Burma-Thailand border, but a search for the wreckage was still continuing yesterday.

The couple were reported to have been the only passengers to leave the plane when it stopped in Abu Dhabi en route from Baghdad. It was due to make a further stop at Bangkok before flying on to Seoul.

The couple then flew from Abu Dhabi to Bahrain and spent two nights in a local five-star hotel

They were stopped by immigration officials when they went to take a Royal Jordanian flight 637 from Bahrain to Rome via Amman.

Officials said the pair were under guard at the airport immigration office, when the woman produced cigarettes, took one and offered the package to her male companion.

Both swallowed pills concealed in the cigarette pack and "within seconds the fell down and their bodies became stiff".

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Banks act to halt dollar fall

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Confidence remained at a low ebb in the financial markets last night after a support operation for the dollar by the leading central banks achieved only limited success.

Shares closed marginally down in London after an early rally petered out. The FT-SE 100 index fell 1.4 points to 1,578.5, failing to make up for Monday's 71 point fall.

The Prime Minister rejected Labour calls for an immediate cut in base rates. "We shall reduce interest rates only when it is prudent to do so," Mrs Thatcher said.

The best hope for lower interest rates in Britain is thought to lie with possible moves in West Germany. The Bundesbank, the central bank, may announce a modest cut in its discount rate tomorrow.

The pound, down by 2½ cents at one stage, ended with a fall of just a cent to $1.8205. The dollar's rise against the mark was limited to half a pfennig at DM1.6450.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up by 13.1 points at 1,846.65.

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Jet explosion theory as more bodies found

From Our Correspondent, Johannesburg

The bodies of two more victims of the crash of a South African Airways Boeing on Saturday which plunged into the ocean off Mauritius, killing all 159 passengers and crew on board, were found late yesterday.

The two bodies, lifted from the water by a South African Air Force Puma helicopter, took to 13 the number recovered so far.

There is growing speculation among aviation experts that there was an explosion on the jet. Experts in Mauritius, where the search for wreckage and bodies is being co-ordinated, say that the state of wreckage recovered, and the fact that it was scattered over such a large area of the Indian Ocean, suggests that there might have been an explosion in the middle part of the aircraft.

Post-mortem examinations on two of the bodies recovered from the sea have shown that they died from hitting hard objects, such as seats.

Doctors in step for inquiry



Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, who yesterday gave his first evidence to the Cleveland sexual abuse inquiry, arriving together for the hearing. Report, page 3.

Tube fire report shows a 'catalogue of neglect'

By Philip Webster, Rodney Cowton and Andrew Morgan

A catalogue of neglect at many of London's main Underground stations, including King's Cross where 31 people died as a result of the fire two weeks ago, was disclosed by a report released last night.

With the preliminary hearing of the inquiry into the disaster opening today, the Government last night placed in the Commons library a 34-page report of the most recent annual fire inspection reports of London's deep Tube lines and stations.

It was carried out by the London Fire Brigade for the London Underground. Mr Frank Dobson, the Labour MP whose constituency includes King's Cross, released the document to the Press and said it represented "a roll call of deadly neglect".

The whole report, he said, showed the management of London Regional Transport did not take the matter seriously.

The entry for the King's Cross inspection was for April 28-29 this year. It showed a disturbing series of fire risks, but equally worrying, according to Mr Dobson, were the entries for stations like Oxford Circus and Goodge Street where there have been serious fires in the past.

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The fire brigade found the booking hall and platforms at King's Cross in a filthy condition and issued detailed instructions to station staff to clear it up.

Extracts from the report state: "Booking hall: cardboard boxes of escalator spare parts must be removed from top of the stairs and rags must be stored in bin. Rubbish, old treads and cardboard box of parts must also be removed from lower chamber.

"All combustible materials must be cleared from contractor's storeroom sited at the top of 1, 2, 3 escalators.

"Rubbish to be cleared from vent plant room floor. Obstructions must be removed from entrance to vent plant room sited in ticket store, and ticket rolls must be stored properly.

"Platforms: Sacks of rubbish and cables must be removed from telephone exchange, platform 1, Northern Line.

"Paraffin, grease and oil containers must be stored in bins. Bucket of waste oil removed and missing ceiling tiles replaced in Victoria Line tool room. Rubbish to be cleared from disused spiral stairs. Accumulation of litter to be cleared from south-

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Christmas post chaos looms as strike talks fail

By John Spicer

The possibility of one or two-day strikes at key sorting offices over the Christmas period now look certain following the breakdown of more than two weeks of hard talking between Post Office managers and leaders of the country's 165,000 postal workers.

Last night, both sides were predicting that the planned action, which could begin at the end of the week, will seriously disrupt the delivery of more than 100 million letters a day during the Christmas peak period.

The remaining straw being clutched by Post Office officials is a meeting this morning between their chairman, Sir Bryan Nicholson, and Mr Alan Tuffin, the postal workers' leader. The meeting has been agreed in an effort to avert the threatened disruption over the postal workers' demand for a shorter working week.

Mr Tuffin will be asking the Post Office chairman to allow the issue to go to arbitration, but Sir Bryan is certain to refuse. Post Office managers say the question of the shorter working week is bound up in complex matters involving the quality of service, productivity, value for money and pay. These issues have been at the centre of the talks, which have involved the heads of the Post Office's three businesses — letters, parcels and counter services. Sir Bryan has not been directly involved and it will be the first meeting between him and Mr Tuffin since November 16.

Last night, the executive committee of the Union of Communication Workers agreed to give the Post Office this last chance to come up with an offer.

Earlier in the day, Mr Tuffin had spent five hours with Mr Bill Cockburn, director of the Post Office's letters business, but emerged from the meeting saying industrial action was "highly probable".

He said the Post Office had not moved from its original offer of one hour off the working week provided it was paid for in increased productivity. The union has already rejected this. Members voted with a 55 per cent majority last month for industrial action if their working week is not cut by three hours. Currently, they work 43 hours inclusive of meal breaks.

Mr Cockburn said the letters side and the UCW negotiators had made a lot of progress in trying to narrow their differences but added: "The gap is still too wide . . . It looks as if we are at the point of not being able to agree."

Mr Cockburn said the Post Office had "signalled" that it would move beyond its one-hour offer if conditions were right and they could agree on cost-saving proposals. On the question of using Acas, the arbitration service, Mr Cockburn said it would be better to resolve the problem by negotiation.

He explained that the cost of reducing the working week by one hour was £50 million. This had to be found by improving working practices and flexibility.



Detectives break child sex ring

By Michael Horsnell

Detectives have smashed a huge paedophile ring involving up to 140 child victims after a series of raids which has so far led to the arrest of 23 men.

The investigation, which began over two months ago and involved more than 100 officers, is the biggest of its kind in London and further arrests have not been ruled out.

Last night, Brent Council, which covers the area of north-west London in which the ring operated, opened a confidential telephone line to encourage more youngsters who have been sexually abused and anxious parents to come forward.

Mr David Divine, director of social services, said children had been drawn into a maelstrom from which it was vital that other youngsters at risk should be saved.

Police are still investigating allegations that paedophiles — some of them in their seventies — conspired to hand round the victims at sex sessions.

The children, all boys aged

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Extradition crisis looms

Thatcher rebukes Haughey

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday rebuked the Irish Government for its latest moves on the extradition of terrorist suspects, which, she said, could make it harder rather than easier to bring them to justice.

It signalled one of the sharpest disputes between the two governments for many years.

In a clearly premeditated reply during Commons questions, Mrs Thatcher said that the Irish Government's decision to give the Attorney-General power to interfere in the process made Britain the least-favoured nation in Europe in seeking the extradition of suspects from the Republic.

In what were described as "intense" diplomatic exchanges in recent days the British Government first tried to dissuade the Irish and then made plain its disgust at the decision. Mrs Thatcher plans to vent her feelings again when she meets Mr Haughey, the Taioseach, at the European Council meeting in Copenhagen this weekend.

What the British Government especially resents is that

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the Irish Government has now acceded to the European Convention on the suppression of terrorism but that the special amending legislation proposed to a 1965 Act will place Britain at a specific disadvantage in seeking the return from Dublin of terrorist suspects.

Britain has made representations against the Irish plan for the Attorney-General to satisfy himself, before agreeing to an extradition, that there is an intention to prosecute a fugitive and that there is sufficient evidence for a *prima facie* case.

In the Commons yesterday Mr Michael Mates, a senior Tory backbencher, accused the Irish of breaking a treaty which had existed between Britain and Eire since 1965.

Mrs Thatcher, speaking deliberately from a prepared reply, told MPs that the Irish Government's plan was a "step backwards". Previously both governments have accepted warrants issued by the other without question.

With the Dail about to reach the final stages of its four-day debate on the extradition issue, Mrs Thatcher said in her reply: "We regret that notwithstanding our representations they (the Haughey Government) are

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Heath lashes totally 'flawed' Education Bill

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Mr Edward Heath infuriated ministers and many Tory backbenchers yesterday as he launched a withering attack on the Government's Education Reform Bill.

He insisted that the legislation was flawed from beginning to end. The decision to allow only a day's debate at second reading was a "caricature of parliamentary government".

The former Prime Minister launched a frontal assault on the central philosophy of the education policy for abandoning the one nation tradition. His tirade was countered by Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, who delighted Tory MPs with his first speech since returning to the backbenches. He reminded them of the former leader's part in rushing through a counter-inflation Bill in 12 days in November, 1972 and imposing the three-day week in January, 1974.

Mr Heath argued that the Bill represented the abandonment of the philosophy of education pioneers such as Disraeli, Balfour and Butler and had set the Tories on a path that would divide children and force parents to pay fees.

Afterwards senior Conservative MPs, even those who believe that the Bill is too radical and should be amended to reflect more the views of the educational establishment, thought that Mr Heath's robust tactics would prove counterproductive.

Mr Michael Latham, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, said: "I am quite sure the Bill will be altered on its passage through the House. But Ted will harden attitudes and make that process more difficult."

Mr Heath, MP for Old Bexley and Sidcup, said that the promise of greater parental choice was a "confidence trick" and the proposal allowing schools to opt out of local authority control would undermine the very basis of state education.

By not allowing more time for discussion with 70 MPs wanting to speak, the Government had shown a "lamentable" lack of respect for both the education service and Parliament.

He also lambasted Mr Kenneth Baker, his former Commons lieutenant, by accusing him of taking more powers to himself than any other member of the Cabinet. The normally expansive Secretary of State for Education and Science sat with his shoulders hunched and his arms folded just yards from Mr Heath.

Mr Heath said to Labour cheers and furious Tory protests: "I am sick to death of education being knocked, largely for political purposes, and of teachers being constantly hammered. The great majority are good and devoted people. They are completely demoralized because of this treatment."

Earlier, Mr Baker had described the Bill as the most far-reaching programme of reform since the war. Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said it would severely damage education. It would lead to educational apartheid with racially-segregated schools — a charge denounced as "disgraceful" by the Government frontbench.

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Fowler to attack vindictive unions

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, is to publish a catalogue of vindictive actions by trade unions against members who have defied instructions.

It will include the case of a union member Transport and General Workers' Union member who walked through an official picket line during a dock strike three years ago. He attended a disciplinary hearing to find a noose hanging from the ceiling. Mr Fowler told the standing committee examining the employment Bill yesterday.

Mr Fowler cited the case in support of the "scabs charter" clause, which will prevent unions disciplining members who defy calls for industrial action endorsed by a ballot.

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Thatcher for Africa

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is to visit Africa early in the New Year, it was confirmed by Downing Street yesterday.

The Prime Minister will visit Kenya at the invitation of President Daniel Arap Moi from January 4-6, and Nigeria from January 7-8 at the invitation of President Ibrahim Babangida.

Mrs Thatcher has not visited either country and has not been to black Africa since 1979.

The last visit by a British Prime Minister to Kenya was in 1966 and to Nigeria in 1960.

BAe loses US order

British Aerospace has failed to win a £1 billion contract to supply the United States Army with its advanced Rapier air defence system.

The British company has already sold the proven Rapier system to the US for defending American air bases in Britain. But yesterday it was announced that the US Army had decided to buy a new system developed jointly by Swiss and US companies.

President Reagan has been under pressure from Mrs Thatcher to give British companies more defence work.

Riot fears at hospital

A review of security at a special hospital containing some of the country's most violent criminals is to be undertaken immediately by the Home Office.

Moves to bring forward the review were agreed after staff at Park Lane on Merseyside said there was a constant danger of riots or hostage-taking among the 260 patients.

Members of the Prison Officers' Association claim security arrangements are "lax". Dangerous tools had disappeared, visitors were not searched and patients were allowed out unescorted on day trips.

Staff say the alarm system is inadequate.

'Time for a change'

The one-hour time difference between Britain and the Continent adds up to four lost hours a day for businessmen, says Mr Lionel Altman, chairman and chief executive of Equity & General, writing in *CBI News*.

Mr Altman wants the Confederation of British Industry to lead a campaign to harmonize our clocks all year. Only in October do they tell the same time.

For 11 months, he says, we start work an hour after the Continent, they go home an hour before us, and the lunchbreak is effectively two hours.

Man tied to bomb

Armed raiders strapped a time bomb to a man during a £15,000 raid on a post office in Dublin yesterday.

The gang brought postmistress Miss Ann Gallagher at gunpoint to Mr Miles Crofton's house in Tallaght, Dublin, then forced him to drive with her and his daughter to her nearby post office, while his wife was kept hostage in the house.

She was ordered to hand over £15,000 pounds, then he had to drive with it and the bomb to a rendezvous five miles away.

Police later removed the device and it was blown up.

Doctors interviewed

A senior consultant and a hospital registrar who exchanged blows in an operating theatre are to be interviewed by the regional medical officer who has been asked to consider disciplinary action.

Reports on the affair at the Arrowe Park Hospital, Birkenhead, Merseyside, were last night being studied by Dr Betty Ramsay. She will interview both Dr Robert Johnson, consultant orthopaedic surgeon, and Mr George Jacobs, a registrar.

The registrar was treated for minor injuries in the hospital casualty department after the fracas which is understood to have developed because Dr Jacobs over-ran the surgery time allotted him.

Awards proposed for anti-crime architecture

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

A government anti-crime design award for housing estates which are designed to keep theft and vandalism to a minimum is being considered by the Home Office, which hopes that insurers will reduce premiums to householders living on those estates.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for crime prevention, is expected to give his welcome to the idea today at a conference on architecture and crime prevention at the headquarters of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The suggestion of public awards for estates designed to deter crime was made yesterday by Dr Rod Hackney, president of the institute.

Mr Patten is expected to call in his speech for estate agents to stress security measures when selling houses and for the insurance industry to offer more incentive bonuses and discounts to householders who take security measures.

Dr Hackney said that architects should ensure that the estates echoed the Victorian concept of focusing a thousand eyes on the street, keeping recesses and hiding places to a mimimum and providing for an "interim zone" between street access to a property and individual homes.

Dr Hackney criticized estates which worked for the criminal by permitting escape routes and called for neighbourhood watch schemes to be developed as enthusiastically on working-class estates as they had been in some middle class areas, involving the whole community in helping to cut crime.

He urged local authorities, which were building fewer new homes, to spend twenty times as much on repairs and refurbishment of old estates to design out opportunities for the criminal.

Dr Hackney criticized planning authorities which turned down developments because they overlooked other properties, saying "there's nothing wrong with overlooking".

He and Mr Patten stressed that they were not interested in designers producing a fearful, inward-looking society locked away from the world behind bolts and bars, but in developing community spirit through correct design.

● A central plank in the Government's plan for private business to regenerate the inner cities is under threat because of a tax ruling (David Walker writes).

The Inland Revenue has received an opinion from its lawyers that Business in the Community, a £1 million a year charity, does not qualify for the tax benefits that come from charitable status. If the tax authorities are backed by the courts, BIC stands to lose hundreds of thousands of pounds in income.

The organization is chaired by Sir Hector Laing, a friend of Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Thames tells TV unions of new threat to their jobs

By Roland Rudd and Richard Evans

The Independent television dispute escalated yesterday after Thames warned members of the Broadcasting and Entertainment Trades Alliance to accept new working practices or face dismissal.

Meanwhile executives at TV-am yesterday made clear they are planning to run the normal *Good Morning Britain* show without the technicians.

Ironically, in the Thames dispute, members of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, locked out of TV-am, have already accepted the new working arrangements.

The company demanded the new working procedures — which include more flexible meal breaks and an end to payments for time spent travelling to outside locations — to produce the new police series, *The Bill*.

The series is planned to replace *Crossroads* next spring as a twice weekly "soap" opera.

Thames told the union: "You are racing against the clock; unless we have an agreement soon there are going to be redundancies".

Mr Roy Locket, ACTT deputy-general secretary, yesterday said his union's agreement with Thames was an example of how negotiation could solve problems and he urged TV-am to do the same.

Mr David Davidovitz, director of TV-am's productions and operations, said he would not rule out sending dismissal notices to the 229 technicians, who first went on strike over manning disagreements on a Christmas charity programme.

ACTT members at Tyne Tyees voted by 186 to 65, to take strike action, if neccessary, to support the 39 electricians who have been dismissed for going on strike.

The union started negotiations with the management last night, which appear to have resolved the immediate crisis.

The spokesman for the company said union leaders had assured him that they were "prepared to continue work with the studio lights, which have been switched on by management, and batteries, which have also been operated by management".

Meanwhile Mr Ken Simmons, Beta branch president at the Teddington studios, said he "desperately" hoped the members of his branch would change their mind and accept the cost-cutting proposals.

Mr Simmons said: "This is very much an opportunity to grasp in terms of jobs and future prospects. If the vote goes the wrong way it will mean loss of jobs.

"At the end of the day we have to face up to realities and be aware of the age we are living in. To survive we are going to lose conditions, but hopefully we can hold on to jobs.

"It is difficult for certain people to recognize that, due to outside influence and the spotlight being on us, we have to change our ways. Obviously people are reluctant to do that and they don't understand what is going on in the outside world."

● The BBC and other members of the European Broadcasting Union will decide today whether to back plans for a new 18 hours a day satellite sports channel covering Europe.

A musical version of the story the Prince of Wales wrote for his younger brothers — *The Old Man of Lochnagar* — will be on Channel 4 on Christmas Day.

It is in direct contrast to another part of Channel 4's £7 million package for Christmas and the new year — an "adult" animation of tales from Boccacio's bawdy classic *The Decameron*.

Russians view nuclear training



Members of a 10-strong Soviet trade union delegation at the simulated control panel of a nuclear power station at the Central Electricity Generating Board's training centre at Oldbury, near Bristol, yesterday.

The Russians were so impressed by the £8 million duplicated nuclear power station control room, used to train technicians and controllers before they go to work at a nuclear station, that they said they wanted one (John Spicer writes).

The group from the All Union Central Council of Trade Unions were given a tour of the training centre and later visited the Oldbury Magnox station on the Severn. A CEGB official said that it appeared the Russians did not have such a complex training system in the Soviet Union but that here it was regarded as vital for anyone in any position of responsibility in a nuclear installation.

He added that since the Chernobyl disaster the ties between all countries involved in nuclear power production had become much closer and they were delighted to be able to show their training facilities to the Soviet delegation.

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Wales challenge to Scargill

By Tim Jones

South Wales miners will decide on Friday whether they can prevent Mr Arthur Scargill standing for re-election as president of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Mr Des Dutfield, area president, and his colleagues, have travelled to London to take legal advice on whether Mr Scargill has contravened union rules by resigning.

They believe he is in breach of the union's rule 14 and had no authority to stand for re-election until the position has been clarified by the next national conference. Mr Dutfield said yesterday that the area thought the national president was acting unconstitutionally.

On Friday, a delegate conference of the South Wales area could instigate High Court action to prevent Mr Scargill from proceeding with the ballot on January 22.

Mr John Walsh, the moderate union agent for North Yorkshire who is standing against Mr Scargill, is known to be unhappy about the constitutional position and the limited time Mr Scargill's announcement gave him to mount a campaign.

Mr Scargill maintains that in 1987 the NUM conference decided that the national executive committee should investigate introducing five year elections for all full time officials, irrespective of when they were elected.

Lawyers advised it was not possible to change the rules to compel full time officials elected prior to August 1983 to stand for re-election.

"However, leading counsel advised that the spirit of the 1987 decision can be achieved if those officials exempt from the re-election process voluntarily resign and offer themselves for re-election", he said.

The South Wales men base their case on the fact that Mr Scargill did not resign as president of the Yorkshire NUM when he stood for the national presidency.

Alliance talks near deadline

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

Liberal and SDP negotiators are prepared to hold talks for the rest of the week to try to resolve merger difficulties and meet the weekend deadline for agreement on the foundation of a new party.

Last night the 34-strong team met for six hours after failing to reach agreement during an all-day session three days ago. The talks resume this morning.

Despite disagreements, both sides believe the talks will succeed and that the present problems stem from a desire by the SDP and Liberals to demonstrate that they have driven an hard bargain.

Mr Robert Maclennan, leader of the Social Democrats, said failure to reach a deal by Saturday would mean that the two parties could not set up a new party in time to fight the local government elections next spring.

The remaining areas of dispute include the role of women in the party, how the constitution would be amended, the extent of autonomy for the Scottish and Welsh organizations, and technical details about ballots.

Mrs Shirley Williams, SDP President, said that if the Liberals vetoed SDP proposals to discriminate positively in favour of women in candidate selection short lists she would not recommend acceptance of the merger terms.

Villagers try to ban staghunt

By David Cross

The villagers of Porlock, Somerset, have launched a legal campaign to stop the Devon and Somerset Staghounds from chasing stags past their narrow lanes after several frightening incidents.

Mr Bill Cavanagh, aged 65, a retired photographer, said yesterday that he and some neighbours had sent a petition to the chief constable of Avon and Somerset urging him to ban the New Year's Day hunt from the village under the Public Order Act, 1986.

The legislation allows "assemblies and processions" to be banned if they threaten public order.

Mr Cavanagh said that the "noise of the hunt and its supporters, the shouting, dogs baying and whips being cracked" was "extremely distressing".

Judges to be kept busier

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Measures are to be taken to employ judges more fully on hearing cases in the High Court after complaints by a number of them that they are not working a full day or a full week and that this is lengthening delays in hearing cases.

It has also been suggested that people who suffer delays caused by lawyers in pursuing claims should be entitled to attend court to be told publicly the reasons for any hold up, instead of being told by the lawyers afterwards.

The moves were recommended yesterday by Mr Justice Michael Davies, the High Court judge appointed only three weeks ago by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, to take charge of listings in the Queen's Bench Division in an effort to tackle delays. He had been listening to an application for a new trial date in a medical negligence case involving a mother and the birth of a child. The case has so far taken seven years to come to trial and is still not ready.

The judge said that since taking up his job, several judges had complained to him that they were not working a full week. Spot checks had confirmed this to be the case.

In addition to the judges' complaints, Mr Justice Davies said that the situation had deteriorated since he took charge of listing: the total number of outstanding cases set down but not disposed of had gone up.

More cases were to be listed as "floaters" in the High Court, a minimum of six a day, which might mean that from time to time a case would be listed but not reached on the day on which it first appeared. He said that this was not ideal, but could not be avoided because of the need to employ available judges more efficiently.

The doctors against whom the negligence was alleged had had the case hanging over them for seven years. It was an "appalling situation", the judge said.

From now on, people whose lawyers repeatedly delay in bringing a case to trial should be entitled to come to court and be told publicly then and there the reason for the delays, and not afterwards by their lawyers.

It should be made clear to the mother and the doctors that the only reason for the delay was the failure of those preparing the case to get it ready when it had been fixed for trial more than 18 months ago.

Counsel for the mother, who is suing on behalf of her child over alleged medical negligence at the birth in 1980, had applied for the trial date, fixed in June 1986, to be put back. The judge granted the request but said that he would have refused the application if it had been opposed by the defence.

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15 Asians hidden behind van panels

By David Cross

Customs officers looking for smuggled drugs and tobacco found 15 Asians hidden in a West German Mercedes van at Dover docks on Monday night.

As police and immigration officials tried to establish whether they had uncovered an international operation to bring illegal immigrants into the country, the customs officer who found them said he had noticed that the yellow van had been recently painted and a side door had been riveted.

"There were mattresses and bedding inside the van, which seemed much smaller inside than it should have been for a van of that size. A colleague and I started measuring the inside and there was a big difference in size which led us to believe that there was a false bulkhead", he said.

"We got some power tools and screwdrivers and removed a section of the floor panelling. Five people were lying along the floor in quite cramped conditions although they were fit and healthy." A further 10 were found hiding behind a false bulkhead. They were taken into custody, together with the West German driver of the van and his travelling companion.

The Asians, all men, had spent some time in West Germany before crossing the Channel by Hovercraft on Sunday. They each paid £200 for the trip.

Yesterday they were being questioned by police and immigration officials at Dover and Deal police stations. The two West Germans were also being questionbed at Dover.

Customs said the discovery of the 15 Asians was the largest of its kind for years.

£50m jetty for Trident to be built

By Kerry Gill

Construction of a £50 million floating jetty for the new Trident armament depot at Coulport on Loch Long begins next summer, the Government announced yesterday.

The 200-metre jetty will be used to load Trident missiles on to submarines. It will be built with steel or concrete pontoons, in an off-shore construction or shipbuilding yard in the United Kingdom and then towed to Loch Long. Construction is expected to take three years.

Scott Lithgow, the beleagured yard on the lower Clyde, owned by Trafalgar House, is to tender for both versions, which could provide hundreds of jobs.

Scott Lithgow is due to go on to a care-and-maintenance basis early in the new year after completing the Britoil rig, Ocean Alliance.

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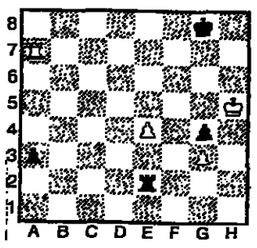
By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Seville

The Argentine chess grandmaster, Miguel Angel Quinteros, has been banned from competing in World Chess Federation events for three years for playing in South Africa.

His punishment was decided by the annual congress of the federation at its meeting in Seville, Spain, where the world championship between Gary Kasparov and Anatoly Karpov is being held. Quinteros played in two events in South Africa, which has been expelled from the federation, earlier this year.

On Monday, Kasparov exerted pressure for most of the eighteenth game of the world chess championship but Karpov's defences held and a draw was agreed after 40 moves.

Kasparov's strategy came as a welcome change from his poor record with white in recent games. He chose a well known line of the Tartakover Variation of the Queen's Gambit Declined, which had featured prominently in earlier games. His sixteenth move caused Karpov to delay for 42 minutes before finding a reply, and a situation developed by force where black had several pawn islands to defend.



The two players now have nine points each with six games remaining, leaving the destination of the world title to be decided over just six games. The nineteenth game is scheduled for today with Karpov playing white.

White	Black		
1 c4	e6	21 dxc5	Qxc6
2 Nc3	d5	22 Ne2	Qf8
3 d4	Be7	23 h4	Ne5
4 Nf3	Nf6	24 Nxe5	Bxe5
5 Bg5	h6	25 Rd1	Qc5
6 Bh4	0-0	26 b5	Qc2
7 e3	b6	27 Qxc2	Rxc2
8 Be2	Bb7	28 Rxd5	Rxe2
9 Bxf6	Bxf6	29 Rxe5	Rxa2
10 cxd5	exd5	30 hxg6	fxg6
11 b4	c5	31 Re7	a5
12 bxc5	bxc5	32 Re7	a4
13 Rb1	Bc6	33 g3	h5
14 0-0	Nd7	34 Kg2	a3
15 Bb5	Qc7	35 e4	g5
16 Qd3	Rfc8	36 Kf3	g4ch
17 Rfc1	Rab8	37 Ke3	Ra7
18 h3	g6	38 Kf4	Rf1
19 Bxc6	Rxb1	39 Kg5	Rxf2
20 Qxb1	Qxc6	40 Kxh5	Ra2
		Draw	

Soccer player released

A Manchester United football player held by police in Bermuda was released last night without being charged.

He had been detained during a club tour of the island after an alleged incident — denied by the player — involving a a woman aged 22.

Mr Saul Frookin, the Bermudian Attorney General, decided there would be no prosecution of the footballer, who has not been named. Police would say only that the man was a British visitor aged 23.

The club's solicitor, Mr Maurice Watkins, flew to Bermuda yesterday morning to act for the player, originally accused of committing an offence early on Monday morning at a night club.

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Dr Higgs taught me to identify abuse says consultant

By Peter Davenport

Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, a consultant paediatrician at the centre of the child abuse crisis in Cleveland, yesterday told how he was increasingly impressed by the work of his colleague, Dr Marietta Higgs.

He was particularly influenced by her use of a controversial medical technique to diagnose cases.

It had such an impact on him that he began to question his own handling of previous patients.

In the first public defence of his central role in the sexual abuse crisis Dr Wyatt told the judicial inquiry, sitting in Middlesbrough, that he had no regrets about diagnosing a large number of cases in such a short time and remained convinced he was right.

He said his own awakening to the problem came after he began working with Dr Higgs and she started to diagnose her first cases. He realized, he said, that he had been consistently missing signs of sexual abuse for years.

Dr Wyatt said that until Dr Higgs arrived at Middlesbrough in January, the field of sexual abuse in children was new to him.

She diagnosed as sexual abuse victims children he had been treating previously without discovering the problem.

He became increasingly impressed with her work, convinced that her findings were correct and learnt to trust her abilities and advice although he had been a consultant for four years longer than Dr Higgs.

"She was clearly a competent, caring and thoughtful doctor. I was reassured by her sound professional attitude to problems over the whole range of paediatric medicine, problems with which I myself was familiar", he said.

In 50 pages of evidence submitted to the inquiry under Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, Dr Wyatt said he had become increasingly convinced that Dr Higgs was right in her interpretation of the controversial technique of reflex anal dilatation as a way of diagnosing abuse.

He began to use the anal dilatation technique himself and was reassured by Dr Higgs that there was no other explanation for the sign other than sexual abuse, an issue vehemently contested by other medical opinion.

He said he became determined to improve his own diagnostic skills.

"We were not dabbling in the subject of sexual abuse, nor did I believe that we were leaping too quickly into the dark although paediatricians are still very much in the early stages of recognizing and treating child sexual abuse."

The consultants have been criticized for their methods of examination. In two months at the height of the crisis more than 90 children were taken into care as alleged abuse victims after diagnoses by the two doctors. Most were returned to their families.

Dr Wyatt described as "monstrous rubbish" the allegations that the identification of large numbers of children with alleged signs of sexual abuse had been a deliberate conspiracy hatched by himself and Dr Higgs to increase pressure on the paediatric department and add weight to their requests for extra resources.

Dr Wyatt said that he wished he had had a greater awareness of the problem earlier in his career.

Dr Wyatt defended his methods of examining children, how he dealt with their parents and the decisions to admit so many alleged victims to hospital wards. He rejected suggestions that children had been denied treatment for other medical conditions.

He said he was worried when a regional reference panel was set up during the crisis to give a second opinion on cases of suspected abuse.

Consultants would be put in a very difficult position if the panel were to recommend that no cause for concern should be raised until the child had been seen by an outside consultant unless that could be done quickly or the child kept in a safe place.

He recognized that the sharp increase in numbers of alleged sexual abuse cases highlighted and exacerbated a wide variety of problems and caused distress to parents.

"However, I cannot regret having started to try and deal with cases of child sexual abuse when they were presented to me and, although I am very sorry indeed that so many children are affected by this problem, I cannot regret identifying a large number of cases within a relatively short space of time."

Recommendations by the inquiry would be welcome but if specific restrictions were to be imposed which would limit the freedom of a consultant to raise concern about possible sexual abuse it would make the problem of dealing with the issue more difficult.

Dr Wyatt said that he remained firmly of the opinion that he was right to raise a cause for concern in respect of those children he saw.

"All I hope is that our early attempts to deal with child sexual abuse in Cleveland should not result in the clock being put back and further children and adults being condemned to years of private torment."

Man at heart of Cleveland crisis inquiry

Dr Wyatt was appointed a consultant paediatrician at Middlesbrough General Hospital in August 1983.

He qualified as a doctor from Liverpool University in 1973 and developed his interest in paediatrics during a two-month stay, while still a student, at a mission hospital in the Transkei, South Africa.

After completing training as a houseman in Britain he returned to South Africa for 18 months as a senior house officer in paediatrics at the Coronation Hospital, Johannesburg, working with coloured children from deprived backgrounds.

In 1976 he took a post as registrar in child health in Manchester where he remained for four years.

There followed spells as a senior registrar in Portsmouth and Southampton. He applied for the post in Middlesbrough because he wanted to work in a deprived community with a large population of children.

£500,000 can be a drag



By Ruth Gledhill

The man trundling his cello case through the rain is Robert Cohen, Britain's leading young soloist; the cello inside it is a £500,000 Stradivarius.

The 1692 cello, called Bonjour, is one of 22 instruments made by Antonio Stradivari due to be played tonight to mark the 250th anniversary of the craftsman's death. The list includes 18 violins, three cellos and, the most valuable of all, a 1696 viola owned by the Royal Academy of Music — one of 10 surviving Stradivarius violas. Yesterday all were played together for the first time at rehearsal. The instruments are estimated by Gala Stradivarius Concert organizers to be worth more than £6 million. It is believed to be the largest number of Stradivarius instruments ever played at a concert in London.

(Photograph: Graham Wood).

Patients fear cost of going to dentist

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Worries about the cost of dental treatment are dissuading people from going to the dentist, according to a report published today.

The National Consumer Council says people do not know how much the dentist can charge or whether they are eligible for free treatment.

Last week the Government published a Bill to abolish free routine checks and proposes people should pay more for treatment. A check-up would cost £3.

Patients at present pay a maximum of £17 for routine treatment and £115 for complex procedures.

The survey also shows many patients are confused about whether their dental treatment is under the health service or private. The council says unless patients specify health service rather than private treatment they risk higher charges. "It is up to patient and dentist to communicate with one another and make the position clear."

Dentists have an ethical duty to make sure the terms of the contract are easily understood, it says.

The 116-page guide tells patients what treatments are available on the health service and spells out which groups are exempt from charges.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, the council's chairman, said: "Problems with dental services are among the top ten consumer concerns about the health service".

You and Your Dentist — A guide to patients' rights (National Consumer Council, HMSO, £2.50)

Portfolio Gold

The loser wins prize at last

The £4,000 Times Portfolio Gold prize was won yesterday by Mrs. Hilda P. Hall, of Covert Crescent, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottinghamshire.

Mrs Hall, aged 67, who is married and has two grown-up children, has been reading *The Times* for 15 years.

She has been playing Portfolio Gold since its start but she said yesterday that she had not won before, "either at this or any other game".

Mrs Hall has no plans for her prize beyond the immediate future, ensuring that her family spends a memorable Christmas. She says she will consider later how to spend the rest of her prize, when she has stopped feeling "totally astonished".

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Mrs Hilda Hall: memorable Christmas ahead.

New guide for doctors with Aids

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The Department of Health is drafting guidelines for doctors who have Aids or are carrying the human immunodeficiency virus. The advice, to be issued early next year, is intended to reduce the risk of doctors and other medical staff infecting patients, particularly during operations.

Surgeons are also discussing safety measures to protect both themselves and patients, including the use of lasers rather than scalpels in some operations, and staples instead of stitches.

One British doctor is known to have died of Aids and a small number of others are believed to be infected, but there is no known case anywhere in the world of a patient catching the virus from a health care worker.

However, the proposed guidelines indicate concern by experts at the Department of Health that the number of infected doctors is certain to increase.

The advice is likely to focus on three aspects of hazards involving doctors: the risks of transmitting the virus by those who are HIV-positive, but who have no symptoms of Aids itself; those who have opportunistic infections related to the disease; and those who have signs of dementia, one of the symptoms of advanced forms of the disease.

● Employers were warned yesterday that if their workforce threatened industrial action because one of their number was suspected of having Aids, they would be unable to use that as a defence in any subsequent unfair dismissal claim.

Members of the Engineering Employers Federation have been told that there is no need in job interviews to discriminate against an applicant because he is carrying the HIV infection because there is almost no risk of the virus being passed on.

Gaming machine 'addicts'

Curb on arcades is sought

By India Knight

Little is being done to stop an increasing number of children from spending "staggering" amounts of money in amusement arcades, according to organizations helping gamblers.

According to one estimate, Britons spend about £1,300 million a year on gaming machines. One South Coast arcade owner admitted recently that 80 per cent of his trade came from under-18s.

The Amusement Arcade Action Group, formed in 1983, says the number of gaming machines has doubled in the past 10 years to 160,000.

The group is campaigning for the withdrawal of all gaming machines from public places, and for them to be allowed only in registered sites, where legal entry is restricted to the over-16s.

Mr Robert Davis, its chairman, says in December's edition of *Reader's Digest*: "The present unrestricted access to gaming machines causes not only massive suffering to youngsters and their families but may well be creating vast numbers of future compulsive gamblers".

The Merseyside Council on Gambling said in a recent survey that four out of 10 adult gamblers had started gambling by playing gaming machines as children.

It also found that eight out of 10 compulsive gamblers had a background of adoption or fostering.

Gamblers Anonymous estimates that 2,000 children a year are referred to them for gaming-machine gambling.

In problem city areas, children playing truant and resorting to petty theft are, in extreme cases, resorting to drug-dealing and prostitution to finance their gambling.

The British Amusement Catering Trades Association said yesterday: "If there is a problem with children, it is infinitesimal and has never been properly identified." If it existed, it should be seen, much like drugtaking, as a cry for help and dealt with accordingly. "Blaming the arcades themselves gets you nowhere".

Although the association advises members to restrict entry to arcades to those over 16, anyone is entitled legally to play the machines.

The Home Office will publish a report early next year.

Youth stole 94 times to finance gambling

A gambler aged 18 who committed 94 thefts to finance his addiction escaped jail yesterday because he proved to the court that he had beaten his habit.

Gary Hartley, of Fellbridge Road, East Dulwich, south-east London, admitted at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, to one charge of burglary on June 26 this year and asked for 93 other offences committed over the past three years to be considered. He was given a conditional discharge for 12 months.

Hartley was given a chance to prove that he could beat his gambling addiction when he first appeared in court last August on theft charges. A social report said of him then: "He is not a boy lacking in intelligence. Fruit machines are a drug to him."

Yesterday the court was told that Hartley was now regularly attending Gamblers Anonymous meetings and had recently started a job as a motor mechanic.

Mr George Perry, the magistrate, told him the offence he had committed was a serious one but that the court was satisfied he was doing his best to get his life "back together".

However, Hartley was told it was his last chance: "Another appearance in court and there is every likelihood that you would go to prison. It is entirely in your hands."

Dadaist's dandy view of the world

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

SALEROOM

Lesser Impressionist paintings and sculptures continued to come under the hammer by the hundred at Christie's in London yesterday in a sale which lasted more than five hours, taking the two-day offering past 700 items.

As with Monday night's sale, buyers showed restraint when faced with mediocrity, declining 35 per cent of the morning's sale and 41 per cent of the afternoon's. Quality, however, did well.

The highest price, £264,000 for a collage by Raoul Hausmann, was a record for any work of art by the Dadaist movement. Made for the First International Dada Fair in 1920, an occasion when member artists set out to turn the pretensions of the world on their head, Hausmann depicts himself as a dandy.

One of his companions points out the Dada capitals of the world on a map, while another shouts a slogan, his brain revealed in cross section. It was bought by a New York dealer, Mr John Herring.

Other high prices included £121,000 each for Albert Marquet's landscape "La Baie d'Alger", and "Vache bleue et rouge" by Jean Dubuffet — a childlike painting of a cow — while a dark painting of a green parrot by Vincent Van Gogh sold for £110,000.

Notable failures were Picasso's "Les Pigeons perches" — two white shapes before a royal blue sky — bought in at £100,000 (estimate £120,000 to £150,000) and a tempera painting of Jacob's ladder by Chagall, unsold at £150,000.

Old Master prints and drawings at Christie's, first in Amsterdam on Monday, when 89 per cent of Dutch and German drawings sold, and yesterday in London, when 90 per cent found buyers. Best price in Amsterdam was £35,725 for a Van Goyen drawing of a village fair, bought by the American trade.

Yesterday's best was £37,400 for an album of prints by Goya, *Los Desastres de la Guerra*, bought by a Swiss dealer.

At Phillips yesterday three items of French furniture did exceptionally well, in a sale which totalled £618,310 with 27 per cent bought in. A fine Louis XIV ebonized scarlet tortoiseshell-veneered commode in the manner of Andre Charles Boulle outstripped its upper estimate by more than £120,000 when it sold for £181,500.

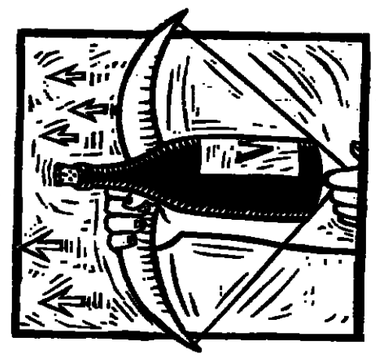
Two similarly decorated brass-mounted Bureau Mazarins estimated at between £30,000 and £40,000, sold for £60,500 and £38,500 respectively, to the same French dealer.

At Sotheby's in London, an early and complete Gothic Bible fetched £93,500 (estimate £50,000 to £70,000) at a western manuscripts and literature sale yesterday. Written in Latin, and richly illuminated, it sold to a New York dealer, Mr H P Kraus, who bought three of the top lots.

The second highest item — a late 10th century version of the gospels written in Greek was bought by an American preacher, the Reverend David Smith for £77,000 (same estimate).

Also at Sotheby's, a sale of portrait miniatures fetched a total of £761,200, with 10.5 per cent unsold. The top four lots went to a Swiss dealer, Mr E Bucher.

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PARLIAMENT

Labour cheers as Heath attacks education Bill

Mr Edward Heath was cheered by Labour MPs when he criticized the Government's Education Reform Bill during the second reading debate.

He said that he was "sick to death of education being knocked for political purposes".

He described the issue of parental choice as a confidence trick.

Moving the second reading, **Mr Kenneth Baker**, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said that the Bill would raise standards, extend choice and lead to a better educated Britain.

He said that the programme of reform outlined in the Bill was the most far-reaching since the war. The education system had operated on the basis of the framework laid down by Rab Butler's 1944 Act, which had built on the Balfour Act of 1902.

"We need to inject a new vitality into that system. It has become producer-dominated. It has not proved sensitive to the demands for change."

The need for reform was urgent. Figures issued last week suggested that 5.5 million people, 13 per cent of the population, had difficulty in reading and writing.

The best way of building upon the work of his predecessors was to give more substance and reality to the principle of the 1944 Act, that pupils should be educated in accordance with the wishes of their parents.

Taken together, the proposals represented a fundamental change in the education system. There was a growing consensus for many of the measures. Opinion polls clearly showed its popularity with parents.

That applied above all to the national curriculum, the bedrock of the reform proposals.

The Bill reinforced the position of religious education as a compulsory subject. It placed a duty on heads, governors and local education authorities to ensure that RE was provided.

He had accepted the advice of the churches and remained committed to a daily act of collective worship.

The Government did not intend to lay down the percentage of time to be spent on the different subjects. This would provide an essential flexibility.

It would be very difficult, if not impossible, for any school to provide the national curriculum in less than 70 per cent of the time available. The remaining time would allow them to offer such subjects as home economics, Latin, business studies and careers education.

The Government sought a balanced package of assessment arrangements, including national tests.

The purpose was to tell a parent or teacher what a child knew and was able to understand, to identify problems which required further diagnosis and to indicate the achievements of schools and LEAs generally. The last point was controversial.

He understood the concern that it would be constitutionally unacceptable for the Secretary of State to alter the national curriculum at his will or whim, but the Bill provided a series of checks and balances involving a National Curriculum Council.

He intended to set up the National Curriculum Council and the School Examinations and Assessment Council in shadow form, subject to the eventual approval of Parliament, so that they could start developing the substance of the curriculum and assessment arrangements.

More open enrolment was a natural extension of his concern to maximize parental choice. About 10,000 appeals were made every year by parents who did not get their preferred school. He did not claim that all parents would get their first choice under his proposals, but he believed that he could remove some unnecessary barriers to parental satisfaction.

He hoped to bring in the new arrangements for secondary schools in 1989, but would consult further on this timetable before taking a firm decision.

With delegated budgets, governors would be responsible for the selection and dismissal of staff. If governors had a responsible job to do, more would come forward. He wanted to ensure that delegated budgets were general practice by the end of this Parliament.

The proposal to allow all secondary schools, and primary schools with more than 300 pupils, to opt out of local authority control and to apply for direct funding would widen choice for many parents in the state maintained sector.

If a church school decided to opt out, he would give special attention to the views of the trustees and church authorities. If one of these applications were approved, the foundation or trust would continue to own and run the school.

Part of the Bill implemented the policies in the White Paper *Higher Education: Meeting the Challenge*. The objective was to see more young people staying on to benefit from further and higher education.

It was proposed that polytechnics and major colleges should now become free-standing statutory corporations with charitable status. He intended to establish in shadow form next spring the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council. He would also set up an Education Assets Board in shadow form. It would start work on the complex task of transferring assets to the polytechnics and colleges.

The Universities Funding Council would replace the University Grants Committee. It would be asked to establish a Welsh committee along similar lines to the committee that it had already been decided should be established for Scotland.

The Bill proposed that all universities should be able to appoint new permanent staff without offering them strict tenure.

Colleges remaining with local authorities would have delegated budgets. Their governing bodies would have at least half their members from the world of business, commerce and the local community.

The Bill would allow inner London boroughs freedom to run their own education services (Conservative cheers). The Inner London Education Authority had been a uniquely extravagant authority.

It had 4 per cent of the children in England and yet it accounted for 8 per cent of local education authority expenditure. The tragedy was that the money was not being spent in ways which met the needs of London's children.

The Bill would allow boroughs to apply to opt out from April 1990. He would need to be satisfied that the borough had a full plan covering every aspect of the education service for its area. He wanted to emphasize that no borough could opt out of Ilea without specific parliamentary approval.

He would sum up the Bill's 169 pages in three words — standards, freedom and choice. The purpose was to improve the quality of education for all children and increase opportunities to go on to colleges, polytechnics and universities.

The Opposition parties failed to understand that standards could not be improved without at the same time increasing choice and freedom. The people had understood that.

Mr Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that the Bill would severely damage education. It was based on a deception. Its very title was a fraud. Instead of the Education Reform Bill, it should be called the Education State Control Bill.

Under the disguise of fine phrases such as parental choice it would actually deny choice and centralize power and control over schools, colleges and universities in the hands of the Secretary of State in a manner without parallel in the Western world.

It would seek to impose a centralized state syllabus. It would label children as failures at 7, 11, 14 and 16. It would segregate children by class and race.

Mr Baker had described the Bill as the most important since the 1944 Act. But, as Mr Edward Heath had said, that comparison would make Rab Butler turn in his grave. Butler was a one-nation Tory who spoke directly of egalitarianism. But Mr Baker had told the Tory Party conference that the pursuit of egalitarianism was over.

Some could remember what the 11-plus did to children, the humiliation and shame for those who failed. That led to the clamour for comprehensives. By the end of last year, 85 per cent of pupils were in comprehensives.

The success of the comprehensive system had never fitted the prejudices of the Tory right and so, from the Prime Minister down, there had been a concerted campaign against them.

The national curriculum had been one of the Prime Minister's many U-turns. She had endorsed an emphatic rejection of it only two years ago.

"Why should it apply to the finest comprehensives in the land but not to the worst fee-paying schools. Why should it apply by law to my children but not apply by law to his (Mr Baker's) children?" (Opposition cheers)

The Bill would create two nations. The only consensus was against it: from the churches, Conservative councillors, governors, teachers and, above all, parents and the children so precious to them.

Mr Edward Heath (Old Bexley and Sidcup, C) said that this was a massive Bill of immense importance to the future not only of children today but to the future of the country.

Disraeli, whose philosophy was of one nation, was supported by Balfour and Butler. They were motivated by the doctrine of one nation. He had been very much hoping that Mr Baker was going to continue with that philosphy.

The procedures which had been followed in bringing the Bill before the House did not encourage that belief.

Whatever the mandate at the election, it did not justify any government failing to provide the proper opportunity for Parliament and the House of Commons to discuss the Bill.

Bill will free the London inner boroughs

There is too little chance to discuss the Bill



Mr Eric Heffer: How fortunate we were in not having the same choice as the Tories.

Schools opt-out proposal 'popular'

The proposals in the education Bill to allow schools to opt out of the control of local education authorities had prompted more than 900 written responses to the consultation paper, Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions.

He added that he believed that opting out would prove to be very popular.

Mr Max Madden (Bradford West, Lab) asked what opportunity would be afforded to independent schools to opt into the maintained sector.

Mr Baker said that the inspectors looking at independent schools would want to see that they were broadly conforming to the national curriculum. Many independent schools already had curricula that were close to the proposed national curriculum.

Mrs Rosie Barnes (Greenwich, SDP) asked if Mr Baker would agree that the main objection to the opting out proposals was not that they would increase parental choice or break the local education authority monopoly on education, but that they would reintroduce the possibility of selection by ability.

Mr Baker said that the Bill made clear that when schools decided to opt out, the character of the school would remain the same and the admissions policy would have to be agreed.

The remnants of Mrs Barnes's party were proposing a considerable extension of opting out. The three of them in that party had now become experts in opting out (laughter).

Later in question time **Mr Eric Heffer** (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said that the schools likely to opt out would probably come from the posher areas and those that were concerned with racial prejudice.

"Some of us who actually had no choice at any time in their education, looking over at the other side of the House, regard how fortunate we were".

Mr Baker said that he wondered how much further Mr Heffer might have gone had his parents had greater choice in his education.

It was false to believe that only schools in what had been described as "posher areas" would be interested in grant maintained status.

It would apply to all and inner-city schools would also welcome the opportunities which they did not have at present, for parents and governors, if they were interested, to have a greater say in determining the education of their children.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, asked whether the governors of a formerly comprehensive school that opted out would be able to apply for change in character and so become selective?

Mr Baker said that for five years after application, a school that opted out and became grant maintained would not be able to change its admission policy. After that time, if it wished to change, it would have to submit a proposal.

The Opposition was mistaken if it thought that a comprehensive would necessarily want to become a grammar. A grammar school might well want to become comprehensive, while a comprehensive might want to move closer to a city technical college.

Kinnock 'in Cloud-cuckoo-land'

PRIME MINISTER

The Leader of the Opposition was living in Cloud-cuckoo-land if he did not know what the Government's financial policies were, the Prime Minister said during questions. Mr Neil Kinnock had accused her of abandoning many financial policies and said that nobody knew what her present policy was.

Mr Kinnock said that Britain's real interest rates were among the highest in all developed countries. They had risen to levels at which they inflicted serious disadvantages on exporters.

Mrs Thatcher: We shall reduce them when it is prudent to do so, and that will be announced in the normal way through the Bank of England, but only when it is prudent to do so.

Mr Kinnock: What is prudent about imposing unnecessary costs on British producers and householders? (Conservative laughter) What is prudent about ensuring that the pound stays at the level which will make our export performance less advanced than it could be?

Mrs Thatcher: Our financial policy has stood the test of eight years (Conservative cheers), having a soundness and success envied by other countries.

Mr Kinnock said that nobody knew what Mrs Thatcher's financial policy was (Conservative laughter).

"Is she talking about medium-term financial strategy? That has been utterly abandoned. Is she talking about M3? That has been utterly abandoned. Is she talking about not intervening in the currency markets, when her Government is spending millions on trying to save the dollar?"

Mrs Thatcher: If he does not know our economic policies, he must be living in Cloud-cuckoo-land.

Other topics covered during Prime Minister's questions included:

● The proposed conditions on extradition of suspected terrorists from the Irish Republic to the United Kingdom were a step back from existing arrangements. **Mrs Thatcher** told the Commons. They could lead to difficulty in securing extradition. There should be no hiding place for terrorists.

Mr Michael Mates (East Hampshire, C) asked her to consider the implications of extradition legislation before the Irish Parliament.

"It is in direct conflict with the European Convention and breaks the agreement between our two countries since 1965 in applying the prima facie rule to the United Kingdom alone, and makes us the least favoured nation in Europe in this respect.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Irish Government, in taking a decision to ratify the European Convention on Suppression of Terrorism, had taken further steps, which could make extradition much more difficult.

"It is proposed to give a role to the Irish Attorney General whereby he must satisfy himself as to the intention to prosecute the fugitive and as to the sufficiency of the evidence.

"We are naturally concerned about the compatability of this with the continuance of the viable extradition arrangements between the two countries."

● Treating with terrorists only led to more kidnapping and more violence and that was why the British Government would not do it, **Mrs Thatcher** told MPs.

Mr Leon Brittan, a former Home Secretary, had referred to the "deeply deplorable French hostage deal" and asked the Prime Minister to reaffirm the British Government's long-standing policy of not doing such deals with terrorists or with their sponsors.

Mrs Thatcher said: The best defence is to make clear that we shall never give in to their demands and that continues to be our policy.

City technology colleges

Industrialists interested

EDUCATION

Many industrialists had expressed interest in the idea of the city technology colleges, and the Government was confident about establishing all 20 CTCs in the not too distant future, **Mrs Angela Rumbold**, Minister of State for Education and Science, said during Commons questions.

Faced with an Opposition accusation that the Government had failed to generate interest in the scheme, she said that four CTCs were "on the stocks". She added: We have other CTCs coming up in the near future.

Mr Derek Fatchett, an Opposition spokesman on education, had said: The Government has failed to sell the scheme to industrialists. What criteria would be used for the only CTC off the ground and running, in Solihull, to assess parents?

Mrs Rumbold told him that the children, as in comprehensive schools, were being interviewed with their parents "because we want a commitment from parents and children that there is a wish to attend that type of school".

In Solihull, where this was being done, more than 300 parents were applying for 180 places.

After **Mrs Rumbold** had said that the Kingshurst CTC would open next year and the Nottingham CTC in 1989, **Mr Mark Fisher** (Stoke-on-Trent Central, Lab) described the Government's achievement on the number of colleges as "microscopic".

Miss Marjorie Mowlam (Redcar, Lab) wondered why, if the minister was so keen for CTCs to follow the national curriculum, she did not put that in the Bill.

Mrs Rumbold said that the recommendation was that the CTCs would broadly follow the national curriculum and still have plenty of time to pursue those aspects of science and technology that were very important to them.

Other education questions included:

● Fears about the effect of the Education Reform Bill on rural schools were voiced by MPs.

They were told by **Mr Robert Dunn**, Under Secretary of State for Education and Science, that whether a school was in the town or in the country, positive improvements would result once the Bill was law.

Where, for instance, there was only one school, parents would still be able to apply to the Secretary of State to withdraw it from local authority control.

● An average of £1,115 was spent on each primary and secondary pupil in England in 1986-87, which was 30 per cent more in real terms than in 1978-79, **Mr Dunn** said during Commons questions.

Select committees dispute

Backbench call for change

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Senior backbench MPs, furious at the six-month delay in setting up the departmental select committees after the general election, are to demand changes in Commons procedures to prevent repetition of what one described as "an absurd state of affairs".

The committees will be approved at the end of a Commons debate tomorrow night.

Then the powerful liaison group of committee chairman is expected to start work on a report saying that after future general elections there must be an early deadline for their re-establishment. The report would be debated and voted on in the House.

Failure to set up the committees has this time meant spending at least £750,000 on the salaries and associated costs of the 84 committee staff, many of whom have been in a state of enforced idleness.

It has meant that for at least a tenth of the present Parliament there has been no detailed Commons scrutiny of the work of government departments.

A similiar delay occured after the 1983 general election, and the liaison committee said then that there should be a time limit. However, the recommendation formed part of a much wider report and was not acted on.

Mr Terence Higgins, chairman of the liaison committee in the last Parliament, said: "Clearly it is most unsatisfactory that the House of Commons has been without departmental select committees for some six months of a Parliament of at most five years. Steps must be taken to avoid this happening a third time."

Under present arrangements, any aggrieved MP can block the committees simply by shouting "Object" when they are proposed.

Early delays were caused this time round by unavoidable events such as the Shadow Cabinet elections.

However, there have also been continuing disputes between Government and Opposition on such issues as the composition of the Scottish affairs committee.

In recent weeks the committees have been blocked by the Ulster Unionists, who want greater representation, and by Mr Nicholas Winterton, a Tory MP, who is furious at the whips' covert interference in the affairs of the supposedly independent committees.

In a speech yesterday, Mr Winterton said that the committees' non-partisan nature had been "smashed by the hamfisted, insensitive approach which the whips adopted in seeking not only to manipulate the membership but also to appoint, by proxy, the chairmen of the committees".

The chairmanships were not "rest homes for retired or dismissed ministers".

The whips had gone too far, and in doing so had dealt "a serious blow to the committees' integrity and genuine independence".

Help wanted for stillbirth mothers

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Royal College of Midwives urged a change in the law yesterday to help mothers whose babies are stillborn after 24 to 28 weeks' gestation.

In law no registration, certificate or funeral is required for babies born dead before 28 weeks of pregnancy. Mothers also lose their rights to maternity leave, allowances and rights.

Mrs Rosemary Jenkins, director of professional affairs at the Royal College of Midwives, described the need for bereaved parents to be allowed to go through the rituals of mourning for their lost child, such as choosing a name and holding a funeral service.

It was particularly difficult where twins were born and only one survived. Under the present law if the births are more than 12 weeks premature the dead child is registered only as a stillbirth.

Giving evidence to the House of Lords select committee investigation into the abortion laws, she said that midwives felt strongly that the law should be changed to help such mothers.

In written evidence, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Dead Society supported the college, stating: "Pre-28 week babies can be incinerated, be disposed of as liquidified tissue or used for research without the permission of the parents.

"The society was informed in 1986 of twins born at 27 weeks' gestation; one alive, who died within minutes of birth, and one born dead. The first twin was given a hospital contract funeral and the second twin was incinerated."

It also told of mothers who had lost babies being deprived of maternity rights.

In one case, it said, a health authority told one of its female employees whose baby was stillborn during the twenty-sixth week of pregnancy that she should return to work as soon as her family doctor judged that she no longer required sick certification.



Lord Jenkins takes seat

Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, formerly Mr Roy Jenkins (above), a founder of the Social Democratic Party, took his seat on the SDP benches in the House of Lords watched from the steps under the throne by Dr David Owen, former leader of the SDP, Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, and Mr Jeremy Thorpe, former leader of the Liberal Party.

Lord Jenkins was supported by **Lord Diamond**, leader of the SDP peers, and **Lord Grimond**, former leader of the Liberal Party.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Debates on Opposition motions on the burden imposed on the economy by Government policies and on protecting lives at work in the community.

Lords (2.30): Debate on the world economy.

Land Registry to get spending aid

The Government is to drop many of the spending limits on the Land Registry so that it can take on more staff, increase other resources and reduce a big backlog of work.

The reform will take effect from the new financial year, **Sir Nicholas Lyell**, Solicitor General, announced in the Commons during a short debate in the early hours of Tuesday.

Further, he said, the Government had approved computerization of the registry's 16 regional offices, to be introduced over the next five years.

The issue of a staffing crisis at the Land Registry was raised by **Mr John Heddle** (Mid Staffordshire, C), a consultant surveyor and chairman of the Conservative backbench environment committee.

Delays in processing claims were causing considerable hardship and homelessness throughout the country, he said.

In August, *The Sunday Times* had reported that the staffing crisis was adding thousands of pounds to the costs of building new homes and was forcing them to stand empty, even though buyers were ready to move in.

Yet, last year, the Land Registry had made a trading surplus of £26 million. Under present arrangements, however, it could not invest that in the 1,500 extra staff it needed and their training. Instead, the money had to go to the Treasury.

He suggested that the registry should be allowed to borrow back the money and that some of its "more routine and mundane work" could be contracted out to law firms.

Sir Nicholas told MPs that increasing home ownership had led to a trebling of registration applications over the past 10 years; a doubling in the past five years and a jump of 25 per cent in 1986-87 compared with the previous year.

He conceded that, since 1985, staffing levels had not kept pace with the increasing workload.

The reforms that he had announced, with certain safeguards, would give the registry greater flexibility and scope to direct its fee income towards the service it provided.

As part of the public expenditure survey, "an appropriate and significant" increase in spending and manpower would be provided for 1988-89.

Government rebuked

The Government was rebuked by the all-party Public Accounts Committee yesterday for its handling of the £1.2 billion flotation of the Trustee Savings Bank.

The committee said in a report that, when the 1985 Act paving the way for the flotation was being considered, the Government had given Parliament too little specific information on who was entitled to the proceeds.

In July 1986, days after the bank's assets were vested in the TSB group by Parliament, a House of Lords judgement was published saying that the assets "belonged to the State".

There was immediate controversy over whether Parliament had been misled and the Government had mistakenly passed up its rights to the huge proceeds of the flotation. The Government argued that the State was not the same as the Government, and as the taxpayer had put nothing into the bank he was not entitled to the proceeds.

The report acknowledged that, in passing the 1985 Act, Parliament had been sufficiently aware that it had the power to dispose of the assets as it saw fit, even if not properly informed.

Public Accounts Committee: Trustee Savings Bank — Rights of Ownership (Stationery Office: £3.20).

Minister is forced to apologize

By Our Political Reporter

A minister was forced to apologize yesterday for having misled MPs in his defence of the so-called "scab's charter" in the Government's Employment Bill.

Labour members of the standing committee examining the Bill had threatened to demand the appearance of the Solicitor-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, to correct Mr John Cope, Minister of State, Employment, on a point of law, a request rarely granted by the chairman of a committee or the Government.

The bitterly contested "scab's charter" clause of the Bill seeks to prevent trade unions from disciplining members who flout majority ballots for industrial action, and Mr Cope had argued last week that under company law companies were unable to discipline or expel their shareholders.

Mr Michael Meacher, shadow Secretary of State for Employment, told the committee yesterday that this "central part" of Mr Cope's argument was "totally wrong", and cited legal precedents demonstrating that companies could expel shareholders.

All Labour was arguing was that unions should be able to enforce a legitimate rule book on its members, just as companies could impose their articles of association on shareholders. Unions would still have to observe the principles of natural justice when disciplining members, even though companies often did not.

Mr Cope admitted that his argument had been an "oversimplification" and apologized.

He accepted that there was no universal rule governing companies' rights to expel shareholders, although he maintained that companies could not easily expel dissident or troublesome shareholders.

Assurance on deterrent

When the British nuclear deterrent is modernized with Trident, it would be smaller in proportion to Soviet nuclear weapons than Polaris had been in the 1970s, even when the Soviet Union weapons had been reduced by half, Mrs Thatcher said during question time.

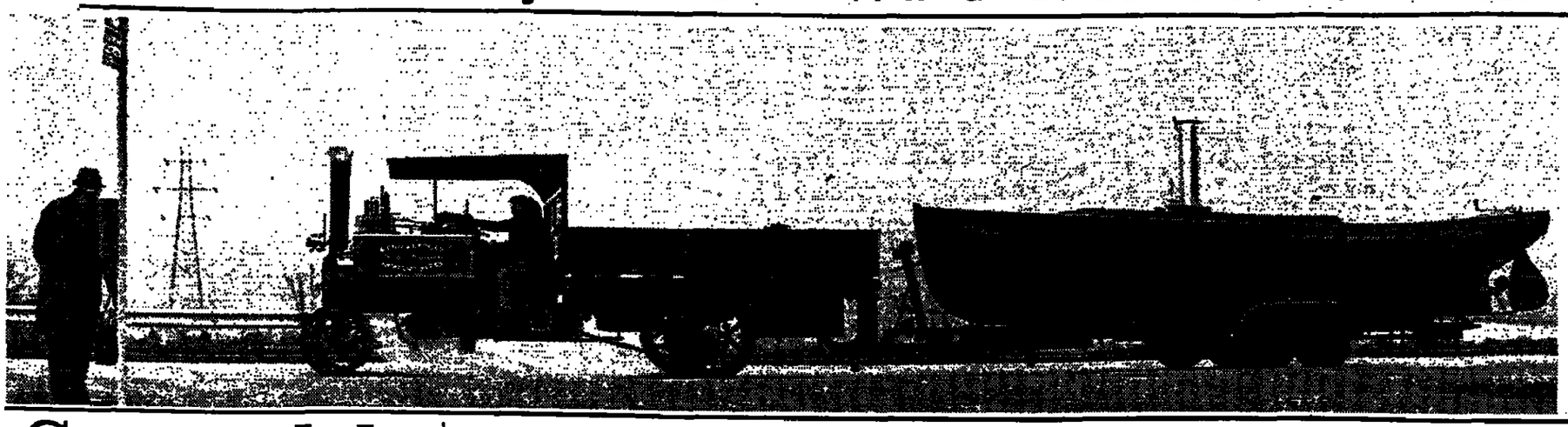
Mr Anthony Nelson (Chichester, C) had asked the Prime Minister to reaffirm to Mr Gorbachov that the existence of Britain's independent nuclear deterrent would not be up for negotiation in any wider context after the US-USSR agreement.

A Labour MP: It will be in for service.

Mr Nelson: It is one thing for the United States and the USSR to talk about 50 per cent reductions and quite another for us to consider totally abandoning our last remaining nuclear deterrent.

Mrs Thatcher: We shall keep our independent nuclear deterrent. It is not part of the present negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Steam leads the way as laird's Shetland cruiser is launched once again



The Valkyrie, a 30 ft steam-driven launch designed for cruising at Cowes and towing larger vessels out to sea, was relaunched yesterday in mint condition almost 90 years after she was made.

The cruiser was built for a Scottish laird who used her in the Shetlands.

She was bought in 1980 Mr David Black, a Manchester based businessman, who began renovation. She was towed to her launch at Shoreham harbour, West Sussex, by a 1911 traction engine and she will be used as a pleasure craft on Windermere.

(Photograph: Harry Kerr)

Soccer clubs attacked on sponsorship of lager

By Ian Smith

The launch by four leading football clubs yesterday of sponsored lagers was criticized as irresponsible and potentially lethal by campaigners against alcohol abuse.

As Manchester United, Liverpool and Everton put Red Devil, Super Reds and Wise Owl cans on sale at supermarkets, public houses and off-licences, they were accused of contributing to heavy drinking among young people. Manchester City has not decided on a brand name.

The sale of the medium-strength lagers, is expected to bring in £100,000 for the clubs.

Recent recommendations by a Home Office working party on young people, alcohol and crime included a ban on drink advertising.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has also imposed stringent restrictions on football-ground alcohol sales to curb hooliganism and violence.

West Ham, Derby, Sheffield United and Aston Villa are negotiating sponsorship of lagers and Continental clubs, including Benfica, Barcelona and Madrid, have expressed strong interest. Rugby league clubs also want to become involved.

Mr Cedric Fulwood, Greater Manchester's chief probation officer and a member of the working party on alcohol and young people, said the clubs had a golden opportunity to promote sensible drinking with non-alcoholic drinks but chose to exert their influence in encouraging the consumption of strong lager by young people.

"One of the problems we examined closely during our 12 months' working party research was the violence and disorder by young people as a result of drinking excessively.

"Nowhere has that disturbing trait been better exemplified than inside football grounds, where violence has taken place regularly because fans have had too much to drink", Mr Fulwood said.

Lady Masham of Ilton, chairman of the working party, said thousands of young fans who treated the game as a religion and players as idols would eagerly start drinking copious amounts of the lager to prove their club loyalty.

Mrs Elizabeth Smith, director of the Greater Manchester and Lancashire Council on Alcohol, described the clubs' decision as irresponsible. "People in the North-west drink 25 per cent above the national average. Every year there is an increasing numer of young people arriving at our centres seeking help because their lives have been destroyed by drink before they reach the age of 20."

But Mr Martin Edwards, chairman of Manchester United, denied that sales of lager carrying the club's Red Devil motif would encourage widespread drinking.

Describing the criticism as hypocritical, he pointed out that 18 of the 92 Football League clubs were sponsored by brewers, and that talks were taking place about allowing a brewing company to sponsor the FA Cup.

Timber growers want more land for trees

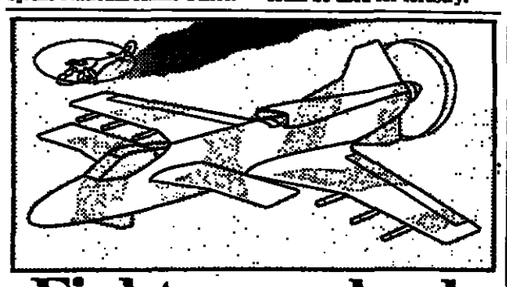
A new national strategy to identify land suitable for large scale commercial tree planting was called for yesterday by the Forestry Industry Committee of Great Britain.

The committee represents the private sector of the industry, which is increasingly concerned about adverse reports of forestry on the environment, and of wealthy investors obtaining tax relief by financing unpopular blankets of conifers.

Although Britain imports 90 per cent of its timber needs, the economic viability of turning over large tracts of land to forestry has been questioned by the National Audit Office.

A number of ministers also have doubts, on economic grounds, or because they sympathize with environmental groups which believe that plantations of softwoods such as sitka spruce and lodgepole pine are visually intrusive and damage native wildlife.

Mr Ronald Williams, chief executive of Timber Growers United Kingdom, said yesterday that he thought the conflict could be resolved if the Government, Forestry Commission and private companies could decide which areas should remain in agricultural use, or were such that the scenic or environmental value should take precedence, or could be used for forestry.



Fighters go back to the propeller

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The first propeller driven fighter aircraft designed in Britain since 1945 is taking shape at Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, the stable of the Hurricane and the Typhoon.

British Aerospace are confident that their revolutionary "heliplane", designed to combat both enemy helicopters and jets in low level dogfights, could prove a world beater.

Interest in the aircraft has already been shown throughout Europe and America and full scale production could be under way by the mid-1990s.

The P1233-1 Small Agile Battlefield Aircraft has been secretly researched by designers at BAe's Military Aircraft Division Headquarters at Kingston for the past two years.

It is based on the idea of a small, cheap, highly manoeuvrable aircraft capable of taking off from short rough airstrips and able to compete effectively against the powerful and heavily armed helicopters being produced by the Soviet Union.

Since the war, all new fighters have been jet powered and only really effective at high speed and high level. Military commanders argued for a more manoeuvrable aircraft to tackle the huge fleet of Soviet attack and transport helicopters which would be used in any conventional attack.

Researchers at Kingston therefore turned to a short fuselage, long wing design with the engine mounted at the back.

Fraud trials

Juries retained for complex cases

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Juries will continue to be used in complex fraud cases, the Attorney General, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, said yesterday.

Sir Patrick made it clear that the Government has rejected any move to abolish juries for such cases, as proposed by Lord Roskill's committee on fraud trials.

He told a conference in London on fraud prosecution that abolition would have been "the start of a much wider removal of jury trial".

Juries were well able to cope with the issue of fraud, once it was singled out from the mass of evidence; and they would not be impressed by any attempt from the defence to "muddy the clear waters put by the prosecution".

The Criminal Justice Act, passed just before the general election, set up a Serious Fraud Office, which starts work in April. The Roskill proposal of a frauds trial tribunal, of a judge and two lay assessors, was not included.

Until yesterday, the Government said it had decided not to implement this proposal "for the time being", leaving open the possibility of future action. But Sir Patrick appears to have closed this option.

He told the more than one hundred delegates at the conference, organized by the Institute of Purchasing and Supply, that "fraud is on the increase and the opportunities for fraud have never been greater".

The Government had taken steps to ensure the fraudster's life was "less profitable for him". No longer would prosecution lawyers be brought in only at the latter stages of a prosecution, said Sir Patrick.

The Serious Fraud Office, which brought the police and prosecuting authorities under one roof, represented a "radical departure" from traditional arrangements: it would ensure "the investigations of serious fraud, and the prosecution of cases at court, are targeted more accurately in this area".

The office would have 26 full-time lawyers under the new director, Mr John Wood; 18 full-time accountants and a number of police officers.

It would handle about 60 of the most serious frauds annually.

Cough vaccine 'grossly maligned' court told

The whooping cough vaccine has been grossly maligned, a doctor told the High Court in London yesterday in a test case brought on behalf of a teenage girl. Dr Arlwyn Griffith, who is a consultant to the manufacturers, the Wellcome Foundation, said he felt a duty to promote the vaccine.

Since 1974, when there was widespread criticism of the vaccine, Dr Griffith had been concerned to defend Wellcome against suggestions that the vaccine could cause brain damage. "It was in the public interest that the vaccine should continue. It was grossly maligned", he said.

"As more evidence came to light the more solid, and absolutely solid, was my conclusion that pertussis vaccine does not cause brain damage in children."

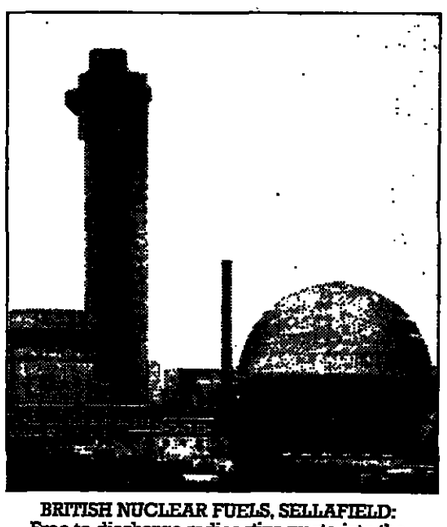
Mr and Mrs Harold Loveday, of Victoria Park estate, Hackney, east London, are suing Dr George Renton, who administered pertussis vaccine to their adopted daughter Susan, now 17, when she was a baby.

The Wellcome Foundation has been joined to the action to argue the case on causality. There are no allegations of negligence against it.

The hearing, expected to last several months, continues.



HANS GUYT, ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGNER: Jailed for trying to stop discharges of radioactive waste into the Irish Sea.



BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS, SELLAFIELD: Free to discharge radioactive waste into the Irish Sea.

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THE NUCLEAR WASTE IS DISCHARGED.

Hans Guyt will spend this Christmas in prison.

He was jailed for blocking a pipe which was discharging nuclear waste from Sellafield into the Irish Sea, after being told not to do so by a British Court.

The law found him guilty of contempt. But Greenpeace argue that it is British Nuclear Fuels who are guilty of contempt.

Contempt for the environment, and contempt for the mass of evidence pointing to high levels of childhood leukaemia and other radiation-linked diseases, now found on both sides of the Irish Sea.

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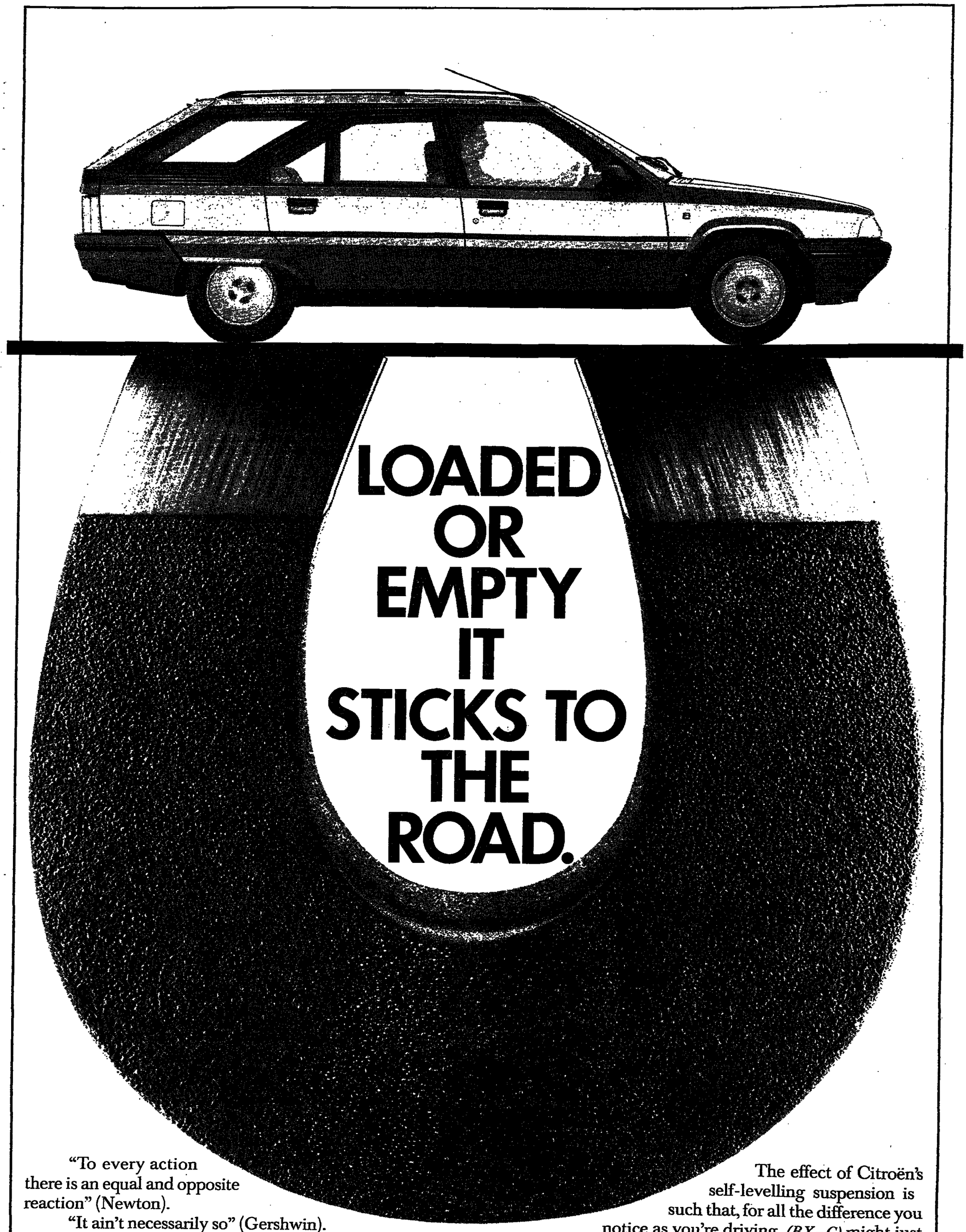
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"To every action there is an equal and opposite reaction" (Newton).

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Let *A* equal a conventional estate car designed to carry a heavy load *B*. When load *B* is taken away the resultant car *(A – B)* undergoes a physical change.

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Poll tax opens door to bonanza time for computer firms

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A multimillion pound opportunity for Britain's computer industry has been opened up by the replacement of local council rates with a community charge.

Legislation for the new scheme is due to be published on Friday, and software specialists are queuing to offer local authorities their help with the big task of introducing the charge in most of the country in April 1990.

Bringing in a new tax on all adults in their areas will mean restructuring finance departments, retraining staff, employing new personnel and redesigning existing systems which handle the rates. For most councils it is the biggest change since the reorganization of local government in 1974.

Most local authorities believe they will need outside help, and with about 400 English and Welsh local authorities preparing for the new charge the opportunities are plentiful and the pickings rich.

This highly competitive and lucrative new market was opened with the election of the Conservatives for a third term.

"Although we had been preparing beforehand it was the day after the general election when a lot of us realized that the community charge was finally going to happen and that the opportunities were there for us", one industry source said.

Companies such as Capita, a consultancy firm specializing in work for the public sector, are offering councils help in working out the effect of the community charge on their organization, administration and staffing procedures.

They are working on a standard system for compiling the new community charge register, calculating the charge, billing payers, and collecting the money, Mr Richard Benton, a director, said.

Transferring from the existing rate rebate system to community charge rebates will be complicated. The new system could require three or four times as many individual bills as are sent out at present.

Cipfa Services, a consultancy offshoot of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, is offering councils what it calls a community charge "solution" in conjuction with ICL, the computer manufacturers.

Cipfa will either take over the whole project and manage it for a council or provide resources and staffing for councils running their own systems.

Mr Glenn Stone, a director, said: "The timescale for introduction is tight. Most authorities will not have the resources to do it themselves, but they cannot afford to fail. They must have a solution operating on April 1, 1990, when it will become their source of revenue."

The costs of administering the *new system of local taxation* will differ widely from authority to authority. Some have said that they will have to triple their staff to do the job properly, a suggestion rejected out of hand by ministers.

Costs of the new computerized systems are equally difficult to determine.

CMG information services, which does financial work for several local authorities, is aiming to put together a consortium of up to 20 user councils for a community charge administration system which may cost about £600,000 to design and develop.

Thatcher promises to look at nurses pay

By Philip Webster

The Prime Minister yesterday heralded improvements in nurses' pay and conditions in the face of growing criticism of the Government's handling of the health services.

The Government had given more to the nurses than Labour and it would provide more, she told the Commons.

Mrs Thatcher indicated that she favoured proposals to go before the nurses pay review body for a restructuring of pay and conditions to end shortages of trained staff. Nurses working in key areas such as intensive care stood to benefit considerably from the proposals.

She said that for the first time the structure would recognize the increasing clinical skills of nurses and midwives. "My advice is, do not listen to the advice of the Opposition. Listen to the party which has provided more for the nurses and which will provide more."

She said the Government was disappointed last year that the review body did not come up with proposals to pay more to specialist grades of nurses, but now the Prime Minister is leading the calls for pay to be looked at "structurally", and her remarks yesterday confirmed that the Government will look favourably on any such recommendations.

Ready for carol festival



A group of children from Stockwell Junior School, south London, rehearsing yesterday for the annual Christmas carol festival at the Festival Hall, in which 260 London youngsters are expected to take part (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

No secrets to protect, QC tells spy court

The saturation coverage given to Mr Peter Wright's allegations of misconduct by MI5 has destroyed the basis on which the Government now seeks a permanent reporting ban, a QC told the High Court in London yesterday.

Mr Charles Gray, QC, for *The Guardian* and the *Observer* newspapers, told Mr Justice Scott that now the contents of Mr Wright's book, *Spycatcher*, were no longer secret, the Government's claim for an injunction to protect confidential information obtained by Mr Wright during his 20 years with MI5 could no longer stand up.

Mr Gray was making legal submissions on the seventh day of the case in which the Attorney General, on behalf of the Government, is seeking a permanent ban against three national newspapers on further press reporting of the *Spycatcher* allegations.

The court has been told that the book has sold more than a million copies since its first publication in the US last July. "The saturation coverage, both of the book itself and publication of reports about it, has destroyed the Government's case", Mr Gray said.

Once the information in the book had ceased to be secret, there could be no warrant for the court granting an injunction, Mr Gray said.

The case continues.

Peugeot's drive for exports

By Daniel Ward
Motor Industry Correspondent

Peugeot UK is set to make a profit of £10 million this year and exports to the Continent will more than double in 1988.

Six months ago the company forecast that it would only break even. Yesterday Mr Geoffrey Whalen, managing director of Peugeot UK, said he expects a net profit "just into double figures and our biggest profit for 20 years or more".

Peugeot sales of both French and British-built models are recovering well with UK registrations for the first 10 months of this year up from 77,000 to 90,000.

In January the company will launch the Peugeot 405 model to rival popular fleet car models including the Cavalier, Montego and Sierra.

The company is going to recruit 1,000 workers for a night shift at the Ryton plant in Coventry, starting in April, the first time there has been a second shift for 10 years.

Output will rise from 1,250 cars a week to 2,200, pushing production up to 80,000 cars in 1988 compared with 50,000 this year.

Mr Whalen said yesterday that in 1988 Ryton will export 20,000 Peugeot 405s to the Continent, more than double the current exports of the smaller 309 model already built at Ryton.

To match demand across Europe with Peugeot's production in Britain, France and Spain, some 309s will be imported into Britain. Local content for the 405 will rise to 65 per cent next year although the engines and some parts will continue to be imported.

The 405 is a slightly more profitable car to build than the 309 and Mr Whalen expects the company to make a profit in 1988 significantly higher than this year's £10 million.

Half the 30,000 405 models to be sold in Britain in 1988 will be in the medium car fleet and business sector which accounted for 480,000 new car registrations last year.

Fire drills 'not held at factory'

No fire drills had been held at a printing factory before it burnt down with the loss of three lives and damage estimated at £20 million, an inquest was told yesterday.

Det Insp Michael Stevens also said there were no sprinklers, the smoke detection system had been switched off and the hoses were too short.

About 2,000 reels of paper were stored at the Plymouth factory of Chase Webb Offset Ltd when it caught fire last June. Insp Stevens said a discarded match or cigarette was probably the cause.

The inquest continues today at Plymouth into the deaths of three workers, Angelo Katsianis, aged 21, of Collingwood Avenue, Cattedown; Amanda Baker, aged 21, of Mary Dean Avenue, Tamerton Foliot; and Kenneth Walley, aged 50, of Molesworth, all Plymouth.

They died from carbon monoxide poisoning and severe burns.

Fund to close

The Hungerford massacre appeal fund, which has raised about £1.2 million, will close early in the new year. It has already paid out £250,000 and will give out a further £750,000 before the closing date, a trustee said yesterday.

Rich pickings

Seven children aged from six to 14, from Warrington in Cheshire, have been told by police that they can keep £6,000 they found in a discarded wardrobe while hunting for bonfire wood last month. The money became the children's when no one claimed it within 28 days of its discovery.

Hotel winner

The Park Hotel in Kenmare, Co Kerry in the Irish Republic, has won the title of Egon Ronay's Hotel of the Year. Restaurant of the year is Morels in Haslemere, Surrey, and the wine cellar of the year award went to the Champany Inn at Linlithgow, Lothian.

Bombs case man 'invented attacks'

One of the six men jailed for life for the murders of 21 people in the Birmingham public house bombings fabricated an astonishing allegation of violence against the police, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Mr Igor Judge, QC, for the crown, said Patrick Hill claimed when interviewed for a television programme that lighted cigarettes were held close to his eyes and he was told he would be blinded.

It was a wicked and astonishing allegation, Mr Judge said on the twenty-second day of the appeal by the six jailed men against their murder convictions.

"If such an incident happened it would have been the first thing a man would have complained of. He certainly would have instructed counsel and certainly would have given evidence of it at his trial", Mr Judge said.

He told the court Hill had not made an allegation of cigarette burns to his leg while in police custody, to his solicitor or to doctors. It was later "deliberately fabricated".

By the time he was interviewed for a television programme, broadcast in 1985, the "cigarette allegation had become even more dramatic".

The claim then was that lighted cigarettes were "placed against his eyelids, although not touching they were so close that he could feel the heat and was told that he would be blinded".

In all, Hill alleged he had suffered about a hundred blows to his head and face at the hands of police.

When he appeared in the courtroom, however, no one had noticed any facial injury.

Mr Judge said that another of the appellants, Hugh Callaghan, had also made "brand new" fabricated allegations of violence by police.

The six appellants are: William Power, aged 42, of Cranwell Grove, Birmingham; Patrick Hill, aged 42, of Kilburn Road, John Walker, aged 52, of Enderby Road, Robert Hunter, aged 41, of Riley Way, Richard McIlkenny, aged 53, of Epsom Grove, all of Kingstanding, Birmingham; and Hugh Callaghan, aged 57, of Stanwell Grove, Erdington, Birmingham.

The hearing continues.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Haiti group says free poll doomed

Port-au-Prince — Haiti's Concerted National Front, a coalition of more than 60 political and civic organizations, said in a statement yesterday that "the national and international community should now be clear that the military Government would never allow free and fair elections in Haiti" (Alan Tomlinson writes).

The front, led by Mr Gerard Gourgue, a human rights activist, described the dissolution of the electoral council by the Government as a "*coup d'etat* against popular sovereignty", and called for its resignation.

Mr Sylvio Claude, a former Protestant pastor who is leader of the Christian Democratic Party, accused the military leadership of having wrecked the election, and called for its removal by a multinational force after 23 died and 74 were wounded in Sunday's election violence.

Amnesty for Iraqis

Baghdad (Reuter) — Iraq has granted an amnesty to all citizens living abroad who were convicted or suspected of political or criminal offences, the Information Minister, Mr Latif Nassif Jassem, said yesterday.

The amnesty, issued by President Saddam Hussein, also covered those sentenced to death. The minister announced the move while speaking to Arab poets and writers at the end of a one-week poetry festival here. "The step was taken by the President to give those Iraqis the opportunity to return home," he said.

Tambo pledge

Arusha, Tanzania — The leader of the African National Congress, Mr Oliver Tambo, said here yesterday that his movement would not abandon the "armed struggle" against apartheid until Pretoria was prepared to enter into real talks (Michael Hornsby writes).

He was speaking at the opening of a four-day conference organized by the ANC and entitled: "People of the World against Apartheid and for a Democratic South Africa". Representatives from more than 40 countries attended the opening ceremony.

Le Pen rejects 'blow'

Paris — M Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the French National Front, chided journalists yesterday for "misinterpreting" what appeared to be a stinging reversal for his party in Marseilles (Philip Jacobson writes).

He said his appeal for supporters to withhold their votes in the local election in the canton last Sunday had been highly successful. But returns indicated that the winning conservative candidate had secured considerable National Front backing in beating off the Socialist challenge in the second round run-off. After the first round, when his party took 18 per cent of the vote, M Le Pen said abstention would be the best way to punish the conservative Government's threat to expel any conservatives entering into electoral allegiances with the National Front. Mr Le Pen said that 86 per cent of known National Front supporters did not vote in the second round.

Baldwin dies at 63

Paris (Reuter) — James Baldwin, whose writings helped awaken the consciousness of American whites to the plight of blacks, died of cancer yesterday at the age of 63 in the south of France.

Baldwin made his last public appearance only a month ago to launch the French edition of his last novel, *Just Above My Head*, which ends with the death of an artist.

US consular officials in Nice said his body would be flown to the US for burial.

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Growing exodus

Geneva (AP) — Soviet officials last month allowed 892 Jews to emigrate, the highest monthly figure in six years, a resettlement agency said yesterday.

So far this year 7,143 Jews have been permitted to leave the Soviet Union, according to figures compiled by the Inter-governmental Committee for Migration. Of that number, 1,767 have resettled in Israel. This figure is up sharply from the past few years, when emigration has hovered around 1,000 or less.

Geldof derides Ethiopia's 'pathetic' aid effort

From Paul Vallely
Addis Ababa

Bob Geldof arrived in Ethiopia yesterday and launched a series of fierce attacks on the country's Government. He accused it of hindering rather than helping relief work in the latest famine here, in which five million people are said to be at risk of starvation.

In a meeting with the Chief Commissioner of the country's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), Mr Berhanu Jembere, the Irish pop singer described Government efforts to transport food to the northern provinces of Tigre and Eritrea, where rebels are fighting guerrilla wars, as irresponsible and pathetic.

Earlier, on his arrival at the capital's Bole airport, Mr Geldof, who was knighted for his efforts in raising £120 million during the 1984-1985 famine which killed several hundred thousand people, had held a press conference at which he denounced Ethiopia's agricultural policies as stupid. He also made a controversial call for a ceasefire between the Government and the rebels to allow free passage of relief food into disputed areas.

Mr Geldof's explosive arrival has annoyed senior Ethiopian officials. His insistence that he wants to go for a three-day trek in Eritrea has alarmed them, partly because of the security implications.

His blistering criticisms of the Government's defence and agricultural policies are regarded by Ethiopians as outside his brief. A nation which sets great store on courtesy has taken offence at his remark to the Chief Commissioner: "It's no use you sitting there and smiling."

At the airport Mr Geldof told scores of foreign journalists and television crews who awaited his arival that the latest famine was caused by lack of rain and environmental degradation. But, he said, the problem was "compounded by political error both here and in the West. Part of the problem is the agricultural policy of the Ethiopian Government, part of the problem is the refusal of the West to give the needed development aid.

"I think a tendency towards collectivist farming, in the face of the history of agriculture in the 20th century, is stupid ... There's a real world outside political ideology and in that world people are dying."

The public in the West wanted to know why famine was stalking Ethiopia again, and it was now necessary not just to send money but also to address the political problems. "I object to a large percentage of the budget going on war ... A government has a cardinal responsibility to feed its people."

During the meeting at the RRC Mr Geldof said he had learnt that many places in Tigré had only enough food left for one week because there were no lorries to get food from national warehouses into the region.

He said that in October he had read an official report which recommended that 200 government lorries stationed in the south should be moved urgently to the north. Yet today only 32 lorries had been sent, and then not by the Government but by the World Food Programme.

"That (report) was two months ago. To wait until things get to crisis point and then only move 30 lorries seems very irresponsible."

The Commissioner said that the RRC was preparing 50 lorries which would leave on Friday. Mr Geldof replied: "That's pathetic. As you know, Band Aid spent a lot of money on lorries here and we're answerable to the people in England for what happens to them."

The Commissioner, clearly ruffled by this aggressive behaviour, replied: "I can assure you, the Government is taking every step possible to get food to the hungry people."

He told the Band Aid delegation that the resettlement of peasants from the famine-stricken highlands had begun again. The programme, which proved highly controversial in 1985, aims to relocate a total of 1.5m people over the next few years.

This week the first 379 people, whom Mr Jembere describes as volunteers, will move from Wollow to Pawi, an established resettlement area in the more fertile south. No famine was being reported in resettlement areas, he said.

The Commissioner acknowledged that many mistakes had been made during the first phase of resettlement, when large numbers of people were moved very quickly to sites which were not properly prepared.

"It is much, much better than the previous time," he said.

French irritated by British criticism of hostage deal

Chirac demands parliament's approval

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

After a sharp outburst of irritation at British criticism of the way France's hostage deal was concluded with Iran, M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, disclosed yesterday that he is to seek a vote of confidence from the National Assembly tomorrow on government policies.

The announcement made no direct reference to last weekend's controversial exchange of a suspected Iranian terrorist for two Frenchmen held in Lebanon or the moves to improve relations with Tehran.

Most observers feel, however, that widespread criticism — at home as well as abroad — of the Government's apparent manipulation of the French judicial system to include in the deal the Iranian Embassy official, Mr Wahid Gordji, has played a significant part in M Chirac's decision.

In its statement, the Prime Minister's Office noted that in the coming months the Government would be facing "problems posed by the situation in foreign exchange markets and the stock exchange".

It would also be contributing to movements towards greater European solidarity "and pursuing its policies in the fields of security and economics". In order to accomplish these objectives, the statement continued, the administration would be asking for the continued support of the majority it achieved in the National Assembly.

While all this was going on, it became known that the British Ambassador, Sir Ewen Fergusson, had paid a visit to the French Foreign Office.

Two hours before the announcement of the coming vote — which appears likely to go the Government's way — M Chirac's office had expressed its "astonishment" at British comments on the Gordji affair. "We're really puzzled about this," one official source said, pointing out that not long ago Mrs Thatcher had been full of thanks for the way the French had captured the IRA's gun-running ship, the Eksund. It was highly likely, the official added, that M Chirac would soon have something to say about the reactions from London.

His Minister of Culture, M François Léotard said on French television: "Nobody can accuse France of acting dishonourably or of neglecting its international obligations." France had a duty to use every possible means and all energy to rescue citizens from a dangerous situation, M Léotard argued, "and we did it".

The French Foreign Office issued an unusually strong categorical denial of the claim by a British newspaper on Monday that France had agreed, as part of the deal, to resume vital arms supplies to Iran. "It is worth asking what reasons and calculations motivated those who inspired this story," a spokesman for the ministry observed.

Reports in the US press have said that the Iranians will receive some $330 million (£180 million) as payment of a long-standing debt. Authoritative French sources were quoted as confirming that this formed part of the package that led to the release of the two hostages and the end of the "war of the embassies".



M Paul Torri, the French diplomat freed from Tehran, being welcomed at Le Bourget airport, Paris, by his wife, Estelle.

UN defeat for Syria on terror

From Charles Bremner
New York

Britain and other Western states have fought off a Syrian-inspired attempt to have the United Nations define terrorism in a way that would have exempted attacks carried out by nationalist groups.

A diplomatic battle to block what would have been a heavy symbolic blow to efforts to combat international terrorism ended late on Monday when a key committee agreed on a draft that watered down a resolution backed by Syria and Libya, diplomats said.

In its original form, the document would have deplored terrorism but noted that this did not cover attacks that were part of a "people's struggle for independence".

This would have effectively sanctioned acts such as the planting of a bomb on an Israeli airliner in London — blamed by Britain on Syria — or the Rome and Vienna airport massacres by Arab extremists last year.

Syria walked out of the UN committee last Friday. A working group, including the United States, France and West Germany, and chaired by Britain, produced the final version which calls on the UN Secretary-General to consider the views of member states on combatting terrorism, including the creation of an international conference.

It notes: "Nothing in this resolution prejudices the right of people to struggle towards self-determination." But it stipulates that this should be within the principles of the UN Charter. The resolution is to be put later to the General Assembly."

Dispute over freed hostages could wreck EEC summit

From Richard Owen, Brussels

To the dismay of EEC diplomats, the painstakingly elaborated EEC policy on dealing with terrorists — not least Arab- or Iran-backed kidnappers — is falling apart just as EEC leaders are completing plans for this week's summit meeting.

The Copenhagen summit, already under strain because of disagreements over farm spending, is in danger of being further wrecked by a dispute over the tottering EEC "no deals" policy on terrorism. "The timing could not be worse," one diplomat said. "The fight against terrorism is one of the few European foreign policy successes."

The EEC dispute follows the release of French hostages, apparently as the result of a deal involving aid and loans as well as the exchange of an Iranian in Paris suspected of terrorism for a French diplomat in Tehran imprisoned as a bargaining counter.

Mrs Thatcher, who leaves for Copenhagen tomorrow, is reported to be angry with France and West Germany on both issues — terrorism and EEC cash. A West German hostage working for Siemens was released in September in circumstances never fully explained.

Mrs Thatcher's relations with Chancellor Kohl have become even cooler since then.

Terrorism is not formally on the Copenhagen agenda, which is almost entirely devoted to the budget crisis. But officials say that the handling of the hostages question — together with another topic of the hour, European defences after the Washington super-power summit meeting — would figure strongly in talks between Mrs Thatcher and French and German leaders.

Some diplomats yesterday took the view that Britain was being self-righteous. But Britain has always been in the forefront of the EEC fight against terrorism, and has always appeared more determined to carry it through. Officials yesterday identified the following timetable of anti-terrorist moves in the EEC:

January 1986, Brussels: The EEC imposed an embargo on arms to "countries clearly implicated in supporting terrorism".

> **The fight against terrorism is one of the few European foreign policy successes**

Libya was meant, because of terrorist attacks in Austria and Italy, but was not named at Greek insistence.

April 1986, The Hague: After the TWA hijacking and the Berlin discothéque bombing, the EEC invoked diplomatic and economic sanctions against Libya in solidarity with the US attack on Tripoli, but urged American military restraint. The other Europeans were critical of Britain's decision to allow the US to use British bases.

Interior ministers (the Trevi group) reviewed joint anti-terrorist measures.

September 1986, London: Interior ministers toughened measures after bomb attacks in Paris. Sir Geoffrey Howe vowed to "rid the world of this 20th-century plague".

October 1986, Luxembourg: Britain presented the EEC with a dossier implicating Syria in terrorism, including the Hindawi affair (an attempt to blow up an El Al jet at Heathrow). Anti-Syrian sanctions were adopted the following month.

December 1986, London: The EEC summit agreed on an anti-terrorist plan, including no concessions under duress to terrorists or their sponsors.

February 1987, Brussels: Sir Geoffrey Howe denied that Britain might upgrade its links with Syria to obtain the release of Mr Terry Waite.

May 1987, Paris: European interior ministers agreed with America, Canada and Japan on co-operation against terrorism.

July 1987, Copenhagen: The EEC softened anti-Syrian sanctions by resuming high-level contacts with Damascus. Britain did not oppose this, but said that it would not join in until it had firm evidence that Syria had reduced its support for terrorism. Syria's action in distancing itself from the terrorist leader Abu Nidal was not enough.

September 1987, Bonn: The West Germans announced the release from Beirut captivity of Herr Alfred Schmidt, a Siemens engineer, thanking Syria and Iran for their help. Rumours of a deal involving a ransom were denied, but persisted in view of the kidnappers' reference to guarantees and promises made by Bonn. A second German hostage is still held.

Officially, European policy — stemming partly from distaste for the disastrous American arms for hostages deal in Iran — remains intact.

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Border raids worry Zimbabwe

From Jan Raath, Harare

Guerrillas of the Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo) on Monday night launched their third attack since August at a tea estate on Zimbabwe's eastern border.

There were no reports of casualties in the attack on Jersey tea estate, about 20 miles south of the tiny village of Mount Selinda, but military sources said that 13 labourers' houses were burnt down.

Yesterday local press reports said that an elderly peasant couple and five young children had been hacked to death last week by Renamo guerrillas in the Mudzi area of north-eastern Zimbabwe.

The incident was a grisly replica of the massacre on the same day of 16 white members of a religious community, south of the city of Bulawayo and at the opposite corner of the country, by another guerrilla group with nothing in common with Renamo apart from its brutal methods.

The incidents in the east are the latest evidence of a situation with far greater potential for carnage and destruction than the low-intensity war that has continued for seven years in the western provinces of Matabeleland.

Some 80 civilians are reported to have been killed in eastern Zimbabwe since June 20 this year, when Renamo launched its first incursions into the country, a toll considerably higher than that inflicted by Matabeleland's "dissidents" in the same period. Military sources confirm that every district along the 750-mile border with Mozambique has since been subject to Renamo incursions.

Maputo — Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, yesterday pledged continued military assistance to Mozambique when she ended a four-day visit (Reuter reports). She said that British military aid would still be in the form of training and of supplies of non-lethal equipment.

Zimbabwean security forces have reacted by saturating the border with troops, while units from the elite Parachute Battalion and the recently-formed Sixth Brigade have been deployed to strategic farms, timber mills and tea and coffee estates.

At Jersey tea estate two weeks ago, army engineers were reported to be laying anti-personnel mines along the border to re-establish the *cordon sanitaire* the Rhodesian Army laid in the mid-seventies. The situation is compounded by the arbitrary border which splits families and tribes. It has been ignored by the people it separates, and is crossed with no thought of travel documents.

"Control of the movement of people and the observation of strangers are essential to being able to monitor bandit infiltrations," one army officer said.

The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Harare estimates that there are 41,000 Mozambican refugees registered in four camps in Zimbabwe, while a fifth is being built. Aid agencies involved in helping them estimate that the same number are here unofficially.

In pamphlets and notes left behind in attacks, Renamo states that it has taken the war into Zimbabwe because of the military aid given to the Mozambican Government of President Chissano.

In the second attack on Jersey estate two weeks ago, in which guerrillas hacked five school pupils to death with hatchets, another seven, whose ears were cut off, were told to leave the estate because "it belongs to Mozambique".

The methods indicate the familiar strategy of striking at economic targets to attempt to force the withdrawal of commercial and government infrastructure, and thus making the area difficult to monitor and govern.

Polished performance sends shudders through Reagan's advisers as summit nears

Gorbachov scores television coup

From Charles Brenner
New York

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov may not have come over to the American public in his television interview on Monday as a closet capitalist or admirer of the American way, but his commanding performance has sent shivers through President Reagan's beleaguered media advisers.

There, on peak-time television, was the Soviet leader deftly promoting the Kremlin viewpoint in a format that President Reagan has never tackled – an hour-long grilling by a reporter.

The White House had already begun to try to control the damage before Mr Tom Brokaw of NBC flew to Moscow for his Kremlin interview on Saturday. It began offering a Reagan appearance to a rival network ahead of the summit.

By yesterday, this had turned into an offer of a no-holds-barred interview – only for half an hour, but still a challenge for a president who has held only three press conferences this year and become a virtual media recluse.

Mr Reagan's advisers are worried that the President, less outgoing since his political battering of the past year, could be overshadowed in the television coverage of the summit by the polishedSoviet leader and the team of spokesmen already arriving in Washington.

Policy experts said Mr Gorbachov's interview revealed little new substance apart from a clear statement that Moscow was pursuing its own research into "Star Wars".

This confirmed a shift in Soviet opposition to the Strategic Defence Initiative towards a position that would allow continued work within limits while the superpowers negotiate long-range missile cuts.

Mr Gorbachov's apparent willingness to work for a better balance of conventional weapons in Europe was also clearly aimed at assuaging fears among conservative senators and America's Nato allies that the new medium-range missile accord could leave Europe vulnerable to superior Warsaw Pact forces.

The interview's main impact stemmed from the way Mr Gorbachov handled his chance to talk directly to a huge American audience over the heads of their own leaders and press. The "Gorby Show", as the tabloids dubbed it, produced acres of newspaper print yesterday and front-page headlines such as *The New York Post's* "Gorby: I tell Raisa everything."

"It was a very impressive performance," said Mr Andrew Goldberg, a specialist at the Washington Centre for Strategic and International Studies. "He played to the American cameras very well."

"Gorbachov showed he could run for office in this county," said Mr Grant Tinkerman, a television producer.

Mr Gorbachov had clearly learned something since his only other Western television interview – a session with a French reporter before his Paris trip in 1985. Then he delivered long-winded answers from an ornate Kremlin chamber. This time he sat in a working office and chatted across a cluttered desk.

Alternating smiles with finger-stabbing reproaches, Mr Gorbachov tried to tell America it should learn a little about Russia before passing judgement on the country. "You cannot understand us or our actions if you don't know that history."

He appealed to Americans to pool their intellectual resources with Russia and said the time had come for a completely new relationship – all welcome sentiments for a large slice of the American public that, according to opinion polls, remains convinced that it is somehow just "politics" that divides the two peoples.

The Soviet leader also sought to pre-empt the moral high-ground from President Reagan, turning human rights and other questions into attacks on the US record, particularly on welfare and immigration, though some of his arguments were unlikely to cut much ice.

In particular he produced a new explanation for Moscow's reluctance to let would-be emigrants leave. According to this, America was organizing a "brain drain" of mathematicians and other professionals from the Soviet Union.

His comments on domestic affairs had a defensive quality not evident in his earlier Western appearances. Professor John Lewis, an Ohio University expert, said: "I had expected he would come across a little more self-confident, assured."

Mr Gorbachov is due to hold a press conference at the end of the summit on Thursday. Six thousand media personnel are to cover the event. CBS news has even arranged a summit press card for its hairdresser.

The Americans are also gearing up for "the battle of the briefings" as the press here is calling it. In Reykjavik, the Russians provided far better media access to senior officials than the Americans. This time dozens of American officials are being groomed for instant availablility.



Mr George Younger, left, with his new US counterpart, Mr Frank Carlucci, at the Nato defence ministers' meeting.



New York – Mr Gorbachov emphasizing a point during his interview with NBC. However, in spite of his impressive performance, only 13 per cent of American viewers watched "A Conversation with Mikhail S. Gorbachov" on Monday night, according to the research group, A.C. Nielsen Co. (AP reports from New York). Most television watchers were more interested in regular comedy programmes and a special about a film stuntman than in the exclusive, hour-long interview with the Soviet leader.

Younger scoffs at vow on Star Wars

From Richard Owen
Brussels

Mr George Younger, the Secretary of State for Defence, poured scorn yesterday on Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's claim that although the Soviet Union was conducting research into a Star Wars system of space-based weapons, Moscow would never deploy them.

"I never take at face value a statement by any nation which does not have a timescale on it," he said.

Speaking at the end of the first day of a two-day meeting of Nato defence ministers, Mr Younger said he hoped that those who had earlier refused to believe the Russians were developing space weapons would now acknowledge that they had been wrong.

Those who had opposed British participation in the American Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) had clearly been misguided, he said.

The Labour Party, Liberals and "what is left of the SDP" had all wrongly persisted in regarding SDI purely as an unattainable dream of the American President.

Fresh focus on chemical arms

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

With prospects for arms control improved by the accord on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles, American and Soviet delegates yesterday opened a new round of bilateral negotiations intended to speed a treaty banning chemical weapons.

This is running concurrently with a three-week special chemical weapons committee session of the 40-nation Conference on Disarmament, also behind closed doors. It is hoped a draft treaty will be ready for signature by the summer.

In both sets of meetings the soviet side is headed by Mr Yuri Nazarkin. Opposite him is Colonel James Granger, who will be joined next week by the chief American chemical weapons negotiator, Mr Max Friedersdorf.

A main sticking point seems to have been eliminated by the Russians now agreeing "in principle" to provide details of stockpiles and locations before a treaty is signed.

They had previously been holding to the 30-day deadline after signature, as originally proposed in the US draft treaty put before the 40-nation conference by Vice-President George Bush in April 1984. The US switched to advance notification a year ago and gave the conference details of its chemical weapons storage depots.

The concept of quick "challenge inspection without right of refusal" – now also accepted by the Russians – is seen as dominant. As proposed by Britain, the treaty draft text envisages the setting up of a supervisory body with 60 inspectors and 120 support staff. These numbers would obviously have to be increased as the inspectorate shouldered the exacting task of policing chemical industries worldwide in addition to supervising the scheduled destruction of existing chemical weapons.

The Soviet delegate has again deplored what he terms the "disturbing factor" of the US finally going ahead with production of new binary weapons for its chemical weapons stockpiles. But, he added in reply to a reporter's question, provided these weapons were covered by it, attainment of an agreed treaty text should not be delayed by this "negative development".

Leaders square up in five sessions

From Michael Binyon, Washington

White House and Soviet Embassy officials have completed the main programme for the summit in Washington next week. The two superpower leaders are to hold five sessions on arms control, regional conflicts, bilateral relations and human rights.

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, arrives at Andrews Air Force Base on the outskirts of Washington at 4.30 pm local time on Monday. He will spend most of the evening consulting aides at the Soviet Embassy.

At 10 am on Tuesday President Reagan will welcome him officially on the south lawn of the White House. Immediately afterwards the two hold their first private meeting in the Oval Office.

At 2 pm the intermediate-range missile treaty is due to be signed in the East Room, followed by a joint televised address and a second meeting. They will have dinner in the state dining room of the White House in the evening.

Mr Gorbachov meets about nine leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives over breakfast at the Soviet Embassy on Wednesday. At 11 am he will hold a third meeting with Mr Reagan in the Oval Office, followed by a fourth session in the afternoon.

He and the rest of the Soviet delegation will have lunch with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, on Wednesday. That evening Mr Gorbachov gives an official dinner for President Reagan at the Soviet Embassy. On Thursday he is expected to meet US "intellectual leaders" and Vice-President George Bush over breakfast.

He will hold a fifth session with Mr Reagan on Thurday morning, continuing through lunch. Mr Gorbachov attends a departure ceremony and holds a press conference in the afternoon. In the evening President Reagan will address the nation on television and that evening Mr Gorbachov leaves Washington.

During the summit Mrs. Raisa Gorbachov will pay visits to cultural sites in Washington and have tea with Mrs Nancy Reagan at the White House. No visits outside the city are planned so far.

Bishop's death brings Czech crisis to a head

By Alexander Johnson

The death yesterday of Bishop Josef Vrana at the age of 82 has exacerbated a crisis in the Czechoslovak Roman Catholic Church. It has prompted the Prague Government to rise above the tense church-state relations and send an emergency delegation to the Vatican later this month.

The crisis has arisen because the Vatican has refused to appoint any new bishops to Czechoslovakia since the early 1970s, when Prague insisted that all new bishops should belong to the state-sponsored clergy association Pacem in Terris. The Vatican refused to recognize the association, which it saw as an attempt to control the Church.

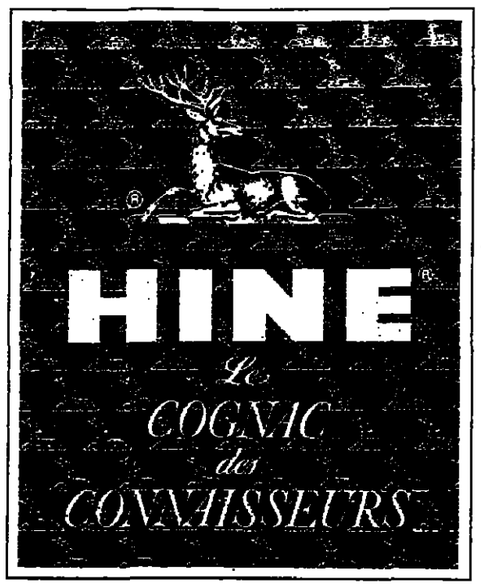
With the death of Bishop Vrana, and that two weeks ago of Bishop Julius Gabris of Trnava, 11 of Czechoslovakia's 13 dioceses are now vacant, and the remaining two bishops are both over 75 and in poor health.

Prague is now nervous of international embarrassment, and the object of the Czechoslovak mission to Rome, which was announced by Vatican sources last week, is to persuade the Pope to appoint more bishops before the surviving bishops die.

But Western observers say that the director of Prague's Secretariat for Church Affairs, Mr Vladimir Janku, who will probably lead the delegation, will have extreme difficulty in getting the Vatican's compliance as long as state repression of the Church continues.



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Afghan President admits younger brother has fled

From Christopher Walker, Kabul

Dr Najibullah, the Afghan head of state, confirmed with emotion yesterday that his younger brother had fled the country, appearing to confirm Western reports that he has defected to one of the seven Muslim rebel groups waging a civil war against the Soviet-backed communist regime.

President Najibullah also ruled out flatly any suggestion that a United Nations peace-keeping force could be brought into Afghanistan in the event of the withdrawal of the 115,000 Soviet troops.

The defection of Mr Sidiqullah, one of three brothers, is seen as a serious embarassment for the Afghan leader, who has been campaigning for "national reconcilliation" in an effort to win support for his unilateral ceasefire.

The unexpected admission by Dr Najibullah, the former chief of the Afghan secret police, came at press conference during his first full day as the country's elected President. The conference was held in the sumptuous surroundings of a former royal palace now taken over by his People's Democratic Party.

According to Western sources, Mr Sidiqullah, a former bank employee with a long record of anti-communism, defected with the help of fighters in the strategic Panjshir valley belonging to one of the largest rebel groups, led by guerrilla commander Ahmed Shah Massoud. He was expected to leave the country rather than take up arms against the regime.

During the two-hour press



President Najibullah: Told of a rebel in his family.

conference, Dr Najibullah was questioned about rumours sweeping Kabul on the disappearance of Mr Sidiqullah, who used to work in East Germany. Looking distressed, the President told journalists that his brother had decided "to leave his ancestral homeland".

Dr Najibullah, whose own ruling party is riven with factionalism causing deep concern in Moscow, attempted to soften the blow by claiming that his brother had originally broken relations with the family 15 years ago.

Sitting at a huge carved table under chandeliers installed by the exiled royal family, Dr Najibullah surprised many of his own officials (who had expected him to duck the question) by saying of his brother: "The future will show us who was he, who is he, and who will he be." A Western security expert said that although Mr Sidiqullah had not been an active member of the Government, his decision to surrender to the rebels could give them an important propaganda weapon at a time when the future of Afghanistan is expected to figure prominently at next week's Washington summit meeting.

Mr Sidiqullah's decision to flee, from what by all accounts was a comfortable life in Kabul, coincides with reports here that a number of prominent Afghan families, closely linked to the ruling party, are also making discreet contingency plans to leave in the event of a Soviet withdrawal.

Well-placed diplomatic sources say that some party officials have been sending large sums of money to the West and enrolling their children in overseas schools. They add that the Russians have let it be known that in the event of a pull-out, all those with Soviet wives or husbands will be evacuated to the Soviet Union.

According to the Kabul reports, details about Soviet contingency plans have been circulated to leading party members in order to reassure them that if a withdrawal is agreed, it would be nothing like the Americans' chaotic last exit from Saigon.

Pressed about withdrawal yesterday, Dr Najibullah, who announced plans to stage elections for a new Afghan National Assembly in six months' time, said that now the Soviet timetable for leaving had been cut to a year, an agreement was up to "the good will of America".

There had been hopes in Western circles that he might be willing to relinquish leadership of the ruling party, in an effort to broaden the base of the Government in preparation for a withdrawal, but he told reporters he would not.

Rainbow Warrior's last trip



Aucklanders watching the Greenpeace vessel Rainbow Warrior leaving harbour yesterday to be sunk as a marine habitat off New Zealand. It was sabotaged by French agents in 1985.

Vietnam court told US led failed coup

Ho Chi Minh City (Reuter) — Americans and Thais backed a failed attempt by Vietnamese exiles to overthrow the communist Government, a Vietnamese prosecutor, Mr Pham Pho, told a court at the opening here yesterday of a treason trial.

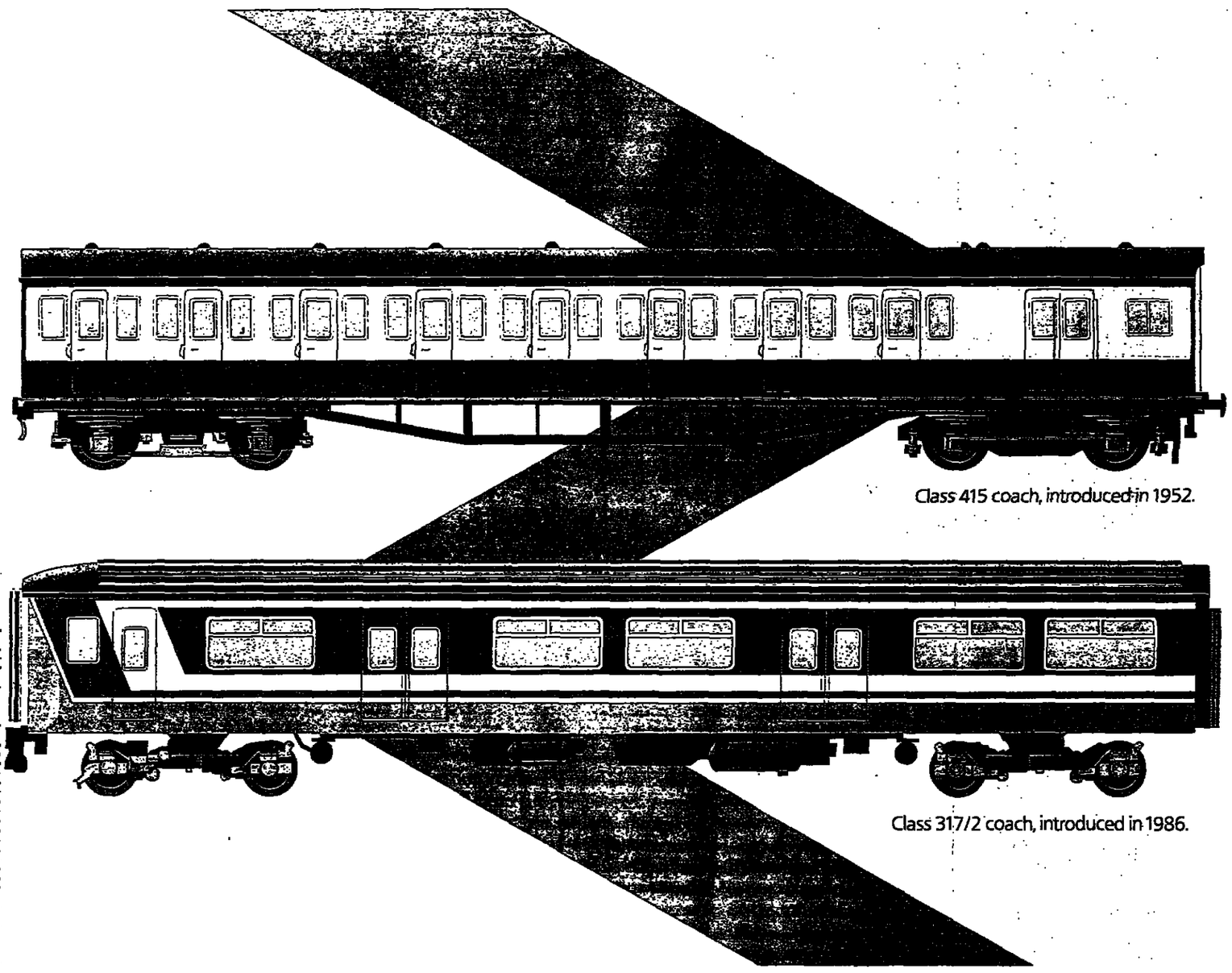
Mr Pho accused the late Rear-Admiral Hoang Co Minh, a former member of the South Vietnamese administration, and 18 captured guerrillas, of high treason and banditry in leadinga resistance movement intended to provoke a popular uprising in Vietnam by 1992.

Co Minh, who was 52, was killed in Laos in August with more than half of the 200-man rebel force, according to the indictment.

The admiral's seven-year-old United National Front for the Liberation of Vietnam was guided by US intelligence agencies and the Thai military, Mr Pho told the court.

The 18, who were recruited from refugee camps in Thailand or among exiles in third countries, face execution if convicted. All are said to have confessed.

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Ozal victory bonus

Greek-Turkish summit ahead

From Mario Modiano, Athens

A meeting between the Prime Ministers of Greece and Turkey within the next three months appears possible in view of the unusual euphoria generated in Athens by Sunday's election victory of Mr Turgut Ozal, Turkey's moderate Prime Minister.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, in an unusually warm message of congratulations and good wishes to Mr Ozal yesterday, expressed his conviction that "our personal contacts will continue for the benefit of relations between our two countries as well as peace in the region".

He was referring to the exchange of unpublicized messages between the two leaders which has substantially lowered bilateral temperatures since last March when Greece and Turkey were on the verge of war over conflicting claims for oil exploration in the Aegean.

Greece has since proposed a joint appeal on the dispute to the International Court at The Hague. Turkey would prefer a broader dialogue on all their differences.

Both Prime Ministers found occasion last week to say that a meeting between them was now possible, if not desirable. Mr Ozal said he would be happy to meet Mr Papandreou and saw a "ray of hope" in Greek-Turkish relations. "We are in contact through our ambassadors, but nothing has been agreed yet," he said.

Mr Papandreou who, since coming to power six years ago, has persistently refused a dialogue with Turkey at any level, said: "A meeting is not impossible."

Sources in Athens and Ankara suggested that a meeting would probably take place in Davos, Switzerland, during the annual session of the European Management Forum next January or February.

● AMMAN: The European Community Commissioner, M Claude Cheysson, said Turkey's elections proved that it was making progress towards democracy, but problems still stood in the way of membership in the 12-nation body (Reuter reports).

"Certainly it was good news for democrats that the elections could take place without incident and apparently without contention from anyone," M Cheysson told a press conference.

But he indicated that the election did not assure success for Turkey's membership application.

Poland to modify reforms package

From Richard Bassett, Warsaw

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Polish Government spokesman, cancelled his weekly press conference yesterday after his repeated attempts since Sunday to explain the significance of the controversial weekend referendum results.

None the less, all Poland's newspapers carried details of the voting which failed to endorse the Government's plea for "radical" reform.

The highest turnout (76 per cent) has been in the predominantly agricultural district of Siedlce, east of Warsaw. The lowest (56.3 per cent and 10 per cent lower than the national average) had been, predictably, in the Solidarity stronghold of Gdansk.

Several Polish papers reported that, late on Monday night, disillusioned voters had rung television stations in Warsaw to complain about the results. The callers, according to the papers, did not try to conceal their disappointment with the results.

Government sources explained yesterday that it would be up to the Seym, the Polish Parliament, to decide next week the precise pace of economic and political reform. The voting has produced a political though perhaps not a legally-binding result, they said.

Along with the official press, Government sources emphasized the fact that though only 44 and 46 per cent had voted in favour of the referendum's two motions, two-thirds of those voting had supported the Government.

"This result cannot change the direction of economic reform in Poland," one senior Communist Party official insisted. "The Government cannot remove all the unpleasantness involved in its reforms though the Parliament will obviously modify the package in the light of the results."

Poles who were moved to vote at the weekend despite being critical of the Government, blamed yesterday General Jaruzelski's regime for having rushed the referendum. Many people, they said, had not taken it seriously.

Those who from the beginning had opposed the referendum were quick yesterday to highlight the Government's discomfort. "Society is mature enough not to support change without basic human rights", one member of Solidarity told a Western correspondent.

None the less, even some members of the opposition conceded surprise at the Government's "amazing frankness" in publishing the results.



Mr Urban: Called off regular meeting with the press.

Younger Poles, however, were not afraid to say that the low turnout would be used against them in the coming months by the Government which would exploit it as an example of how little Poles care about democracy.

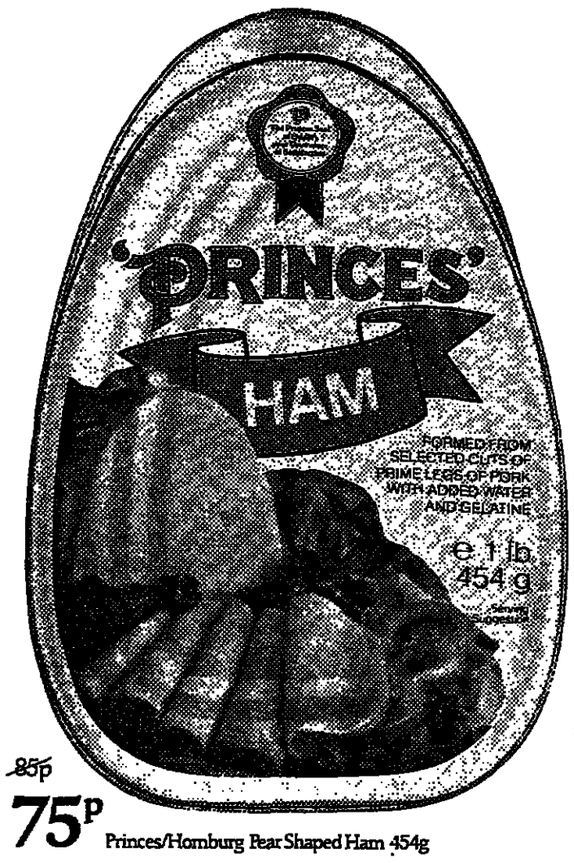
Mr Urban himself implied this at his last press conference when he ominously noted: "The Seym by announcing the referendum gave its power to the public. The public failed to act decisively and so has returned the power to the Seym."

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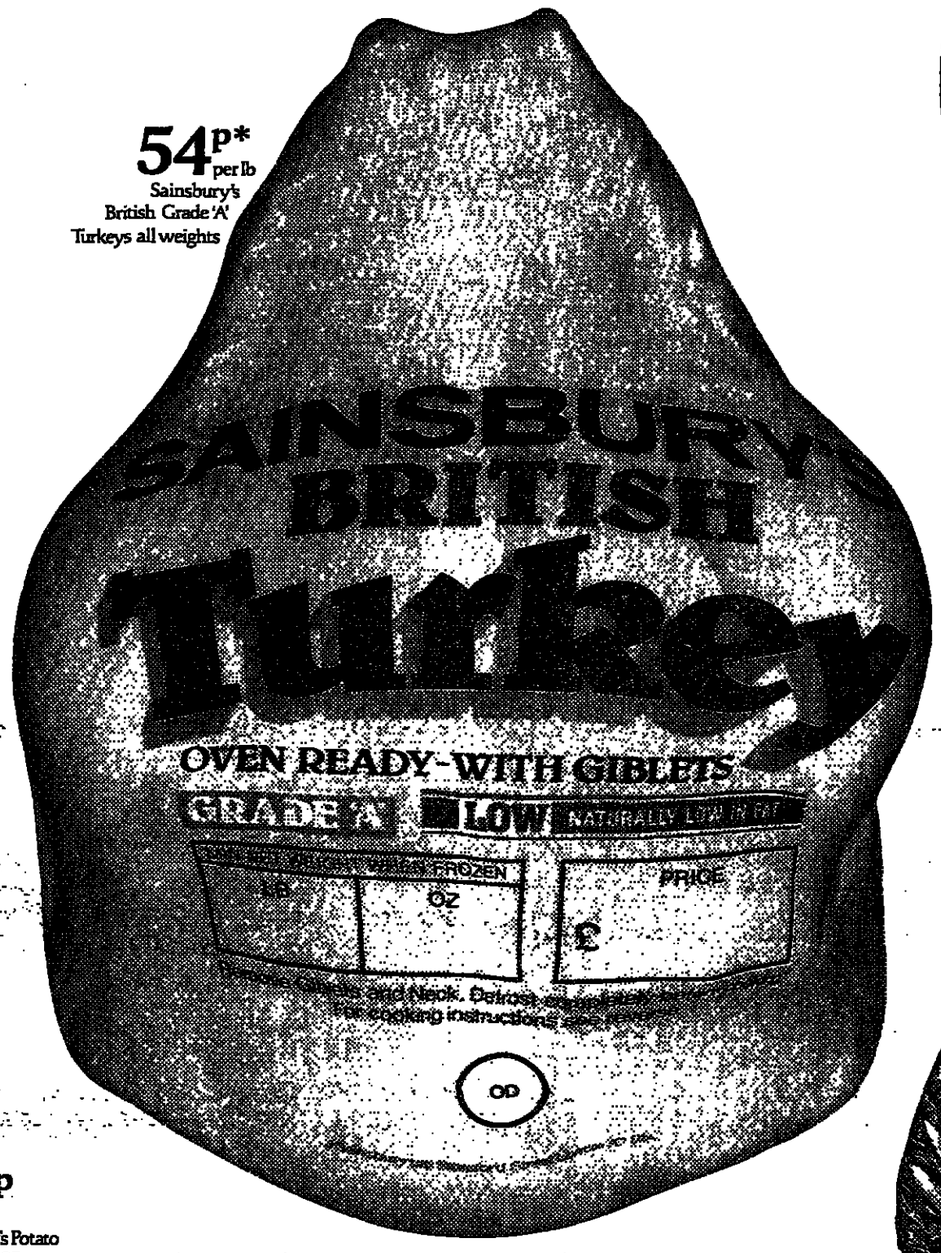
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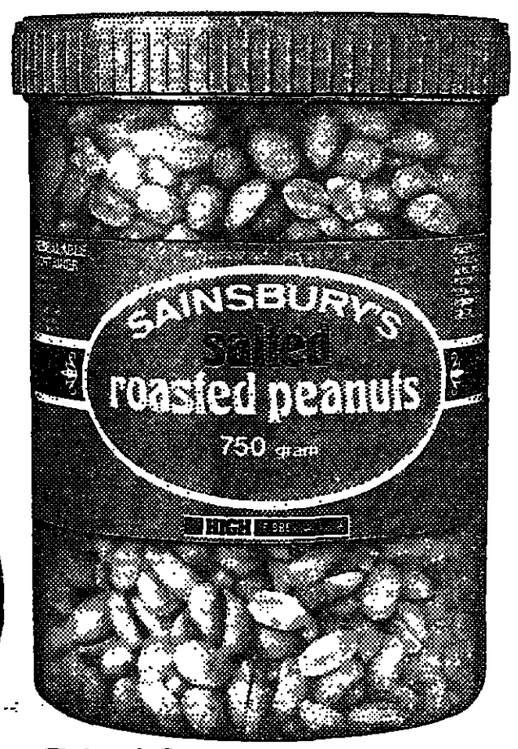
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Bhopal plant executives charged over 2,500 deaths

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

On the eve of the third anniversary of the Bhopal disaster, in which more than 2,500 people died, the Indian Government yesterday brought criminal proceedings against nine officials of the Union Carbide Corporation.

Included among them is Mr Warren Anderson, the former chairman of the corporation, whose Bhopal chemical plant gave out a cloud of deadly methyl isocyanate gas (MIC) on the night of December 2, 1984.

The charges laid include culpable homicide, causing grievous injury, causing simple injury and maiming and killing animals. The maximum penalty the accused face is life imprisonment.

The charges against the nine allege that evidence collected by the Indian Central Bureau of Investigation shows that the accused were aware that death and injury of various degrees could be caused to people and animals, by faults in the design and running of the pesticide-manufacturing plant, and that despite this they did not take precautionary measures.

The American parent company, as well as both Indian and Hong Kong subsidiaries, are also named as accused. Summonses have been issued to all the accused to appear at the Bhopal chief magistrate's court on February 4.

Design faults alleged in the charge sheet include the unnecessary storage of methyl isocyanate and the provision of an inadequate gas scrubbing vent which failed to neutralize the escaping gas.

The design also allowed the back-flow of alkali solution from the scrubber to the MIC tank. The tank in question was not kept under pressure, as it should have been, and the MIC tanks were insufficiently refrigerated, the charge sheet alleges.

Neither the Union Carbide Corporation nor its Indian subsidiary informed the local authority or the public about the consequences of exposure to MIC or about emergency medical treatment required in the event of an accident, the charges say.

The other officials named in the charges include the Indian subsidiary's chairman, Mr Keshav Mahindra, its vice-president, Mr Kishore Kamdaar, and the works manager, Mr J. Mukund. Mr Mukund has been the target of a good deal of abuse from anti-Union Carbide demonstrators in the past, his hanged effigy having being burnt outside the front gate of the plant.

The civil case against the corporation, in which all those affected by the gas are represented by the Indian Government, has already been opened in the Bhopal court of the district judge, Mr M. W. Deo. On Friday Judge Deo again urged the two parties to settle out of court, or at least to agree on some form of interim relief for survivors.

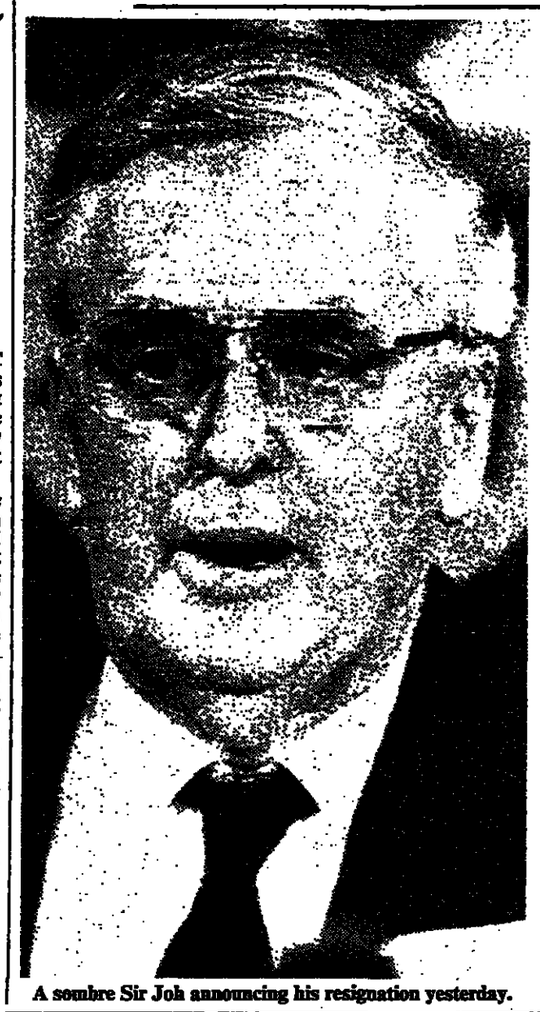
He set the next hearing for December 21, and promised to begin daily hearings on January 11.

At the same time there have been several demonstrations, including general strikes, in the town, aimed at preventing an out-of-court settlement, which protesters complain will not produce adequate recompense for the people's suffering.

Bjelke-Petersen era of arch-conservative rule ends in Queensland

Sir Joh quits as Premier to avoid humiliating defeat

From Keith Dalton, Sydney



A sombre Sir Joh announcing his resignation yesterday.

Australia's most controversial state Premier, Sir Joh Bjelke-Petersen of Queensland, resigned grudgingly yesterday after a week-long political feud with government colleagues who withdrew their support and demanded he step down.

The 76-year-old political veteran resigned on the eve of an extraordinary session of the state Parliament which would have resulted in his being deposed in a humiliating no-confidence motion.

Five days earlier every one of his 48 parliamentary colleagues in the National Party had stripped Sir Joh of the party presidency and given the post to his most vocal Cabinet critic, Mr Mike Ahern, whom Sir Joh had dismissed from the Cabinet two days before.

Mr Ahern, a former Health Minister, became the state's 40th Premier less than an hour after Sir Joh handed his resignation to the Governor, Sir Walter Campbell, the Queen's representative.

"I'm going to be free; isn't that great?" Sir Joh yelled to journalists standing vigil outside his executive office, as he left to surrender his commission to the Governor. "I'm going to be a free man for the first time in 40 years." He was first elected to the State Assembly in 1947.

An hour later, in a national radio and television address, uncharacteristically nervous and reading from cue cards, he announced that he no longer wished to lead the National Party or the Queensland state Government.

"The National Party of today is not the party that I took to the election last year. The policies of the National Party are no longer those on which I went to the people.

"Therefore I do not wish to lead this Government any longer. It was my intention to take this matter to the floor of State Parliament. However, I now have no interest in leading the National Party any further.

Sir Joh had himself provoked the crisis that led to his downfall when, without warning, he dismissed Mr Ahern and two other senior Cabinet ministers after having accused them of disloyalty.

During his 19 years in office, Sir Joh presided over the revival of the rural-based National Party.

Preaching fundamentalist Christian principles, Sir Joh, the New Zealand-born son of Lutheran missionaries, became the best-known conservative critic of the federal Labor Government of the Prime Minister, Mr Bob Hawke.

But an abortive attempt to enter federal politics to topple Mr Hawke failed dismally and signalled the slow demise of his own state-wide political power base. From an electoral high of 39 per cent of the Queensland vote, support for Sir Joh dwindled rapidly to 23 per cent today.

His arch-conservatism and dedication to fighting the Socialists in Canberra failed to hide Sir Joh's own difficulties, in particular an inquiry into organized crime and police corruption which has cut deeply into the senior ranks of the police force.

Known for his political brinkmanship, Sir Joh refused to relinquish power and threatened a risky parliamentary count of hands and with it a possible early election, a poll he knew many of his colleagues may not win.

To many Queenslanders his apparent willingness to sacrifice his party in a dangerous game of political points-scoring showed a deep recklessness that lost him support in the last days of his administration.

In the end he lost to Mr Ahern, a man 31 years his junior who used his first press conference to promise political reform in what has become known as Australia's Deep North.

Jail term for leader of Kenyan students

Nairobi — The student lead whose arrest led to rioting Nairobi University two wee ago was jailed for five yea (Alastair Matheson writes).

Robert Buke, aged 2 admitted giving Libya info mation about students.

Inquiry call

Asunción (AFP) — A Par guayan minister called for a inquiry into charges that I American Indians were ma sacred by men on a ranc north of the capital.

Magnate shot

Manila (AFP) — An ethni Chinese textile magnate an newspaper publisher has bee shot dead by unidentifie gunmen here.

Salt solution

Stade (Reuter) — A drive smuggled an East Germa nurse into this West Germa town, hiding her under salt.

Silence rules

Vienna (Reuter) — Judge throughout Austria staged a one-day strike over cuts ir manpower and pay.

Son sacrificed

Delhi (Reuter) — A couple killed their son after being told by a holy man that this would bring wealth.

Gandhi dismisses Delhi police chief

From Our Own Correspondent, Delhi

The abrupt dismissal of the Delhi chief of police by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, has raised further fears among opponents of the Government of a growing and increasingly capricious authoritarianism.

Mr Ved Marwah, the respected Police Commissioner, joins a lengthening line of senior national servants who have been told curtly to go.

His removal stems from an incident when the Russian Prime Minister was in Delhi and Mr Marwah tried to take a short cut to get ahead of the Prime Ministerial procession.



Mr Gandhi: Accused of an authoritarian approach.

These days, when Mr Gandhi travels about Delhi streets are cleared and police prevent cars from crossing his path. However, when Mr Marwah came to a police patrol he was recognized and waved through, only to find himself in the path of the cavalcade. His driver hastily backed up, hitting the car behind, which was carrying a senior Cabinet minister, Mr Bhajan Lal. Both cars, locked together, stood in the road in front of the Prime Minister, while the minister's bodyguard of commandos leapt out of their vehicle.

After the two Prime Ministers edged past this scene, Mr Gandhi, who has a fear of breakdowns in his personal security, sent Mr Marwah on leave pending further action.

The arbitrary way in which Mr Marwah has been removed is reported to have depressed police morale, and has reminded people of a similar occasion early this year when Mr A.P. Venkateshwaran, then Foreign Secretary, learned that he was to be dismissed in the course of an off-the-cuff remark by Mr Gandhi at a press conference.

Both instances have been quoted by Mr Arun Shourie, the editor of the *Indian Express*, the largest-selling English-language newspaper, who claims himself to be a similar victim of Prime Ministerial arbitrariness. The newspaper has been conducting a vitriolic campaign against the Government.

Until yesterday the Delhi offices of the newspaper have been closed by a strike (claimed to have been organized by trade unionists associated with Mr Gandhi's Congress party) of a tiny proportion of the paper's staff. Of 670 employees, the management says, 607 wanted to work, but were prevented by a thin picket line. The 600 could easily have crossed, but they were prevented by police, who said they feared a breach of the peace. The police would not protect the staff as they crossed the picket line, despite court orders, because of "orders from high-ups".

When Mr Shourie and his staff took up the matter "on high" they were advised that it was a labour matter; they should go to the Labour Commissioner. The Labour Commissioner said it was a police problem. Impasse. Yesterday, however, the authorities apparently relented.

"What is being done to the *Express* group is just a symptom of what they say is now the style of governance," Mr Shourie says.

Manila coup officers get 20-year sentences

From Humphrey Hawkesley, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines appeared yesterday to have won the latest round against her mutinous military staff with the jailing of five officers who tried to overthrow her in January and the surrender of five others who led the more serious coup attempt in August.

The jail sentences — 20 years each — mark the first time rebel soldiers have been brought to justice since Mrs Aquino came to power. They are a far cry from the punishment meted out to those involved in the first of three coup attempts at the Manila Hotel in July last year. They were ordered to do 30 press-ups, and then set free.

A military court found the five air force officers guilty of sedition for their attempt to take over an air base in Cavite province near Manila in January. Another officer was found guilty and demoted and four others were acquitted.

During the coup a television station was taken over and troops tried to seize the air base. Trials are pending for others linked to the rebellion.

But suspected communist guerrillas gave a grim reminder yesterday that it is perhaps they and not restless young officers who are the most serious long-term threat.

A major and a sergeant were shot dead in a daylight attack in Quezon City in what appeared to be a continuation of the assassination campaign by the New People's Army.

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Answers that must surface

The King's Cross fire is over but the controversy continues. Today, as the inquiry begins, Tony Dawe and Rodney Cowton look at the questions it must address

Two disturbing themes will run through the public inquiry into the King's Cross disaster, which opens for a preliminary session today. The chairman, Desmond Fennell, QC, will hear that it was a disaster waiting to happen. And he will learn that when it did happen, nobody at the station knew precisely what to do.

These themes will concern him most as the cause of the fire, which claimed 31 lives. That may prove to be a narrow investigation into the mechanism of the escalator, where the fire started, and the combustible dirt and grease caught up in it. The broader questions which Fennell has promised to tackle concern the shabby state of the London Underground, where dirt has been allowed to gather and where 48-year-old escalators have been kept in service despite a history of mechanical problems.

He will consider whether lack of government investment or poor management was to blame. He will also investigate whether the warnings provided by previous Underground fires were heeded. But even if everything had been ship-shape and all modern equipment installed, it would still have been a bloody mess," says Frank Dobson, the Labour MP whose constituency includes King's Cross. "For the staff were completely lacking in safety training and evacuation procedures."

King's Cross is the busiest junction on the London Underground, handling 12,000 passengers an hour. Yet at any one time, only 23 staff are on duty. Some claim to have received little safety training; "just a few minutes on how to work the fire extinguishers," one told *The Times*. Emergency fire drill never takes place, according to others.

Staffing levels have been reduced as London Regional Transport strives to make the Underground profitable but the cuts have been most severe among cleaning staff, reduced from 14 to two at King's Cross. Part-time cleaners have been brought in to fill the gap but the fact that LRT instigated a new cleaning programme days after the fire seems to indicate they acknowledge that dirt in the system played a part in the fire.

"Before the disaster, the emphasis was on staff cuts," says Alan Norman, divisional officer of the National Union of Railwaymen. "Now all the staff are on overtime as LRT tries to spruce up the system. The authority has learnt the lesson the hard way – that you cannot run an efficient transport system without adequate staff."

Since the fire LRT has instituted a thorough review of safety, ranging from "good housekeeping" measures and staff training to choice of building materials. One subject which is being examined is whether the present fashion for false ceilings in stations, with empty space behind, may allow fire to spread rapidly and unnoticed.

The authority has also been criticized for the lack of smoke detectors, which would give early warning of fire. However, after years of searching for a suitable detector, London Underground has recently completed a one-year trial of a system at Euston station, and is drawing up plans for installing them elsewhere. It is hoped that they can be used in conjunction with water fog systems fitted to wooden escalators in order to make them automatic.

Staff on duty at King's Cross a fortnight ago might well have expected these systems to be in operation already, especially as all had been recommended after a blaze at Oxford Circus three years ago which trapped hundreds of passengers underground for more than two hours.

Fortunately, no one died in that fire. But the lack of fatalities reduced the pressure for a public inquiry and internal investigations were carried out instead by the London Fire Brigade and LRT.

"Sixty recommendations were made after those investigations," says Robert Hughes, MP, Labour's transport spokesman. "But what they were and whether they were carried out, we do not know, as the information was never made public." Fennell will be urged to bring that internal inquiry into the open during his own investigations.

LRT seems to have pre-judged the cause by introducing new measures to ban smoking on all parts of the Underground network. But the authority says it extended the ban because of confusion among passengers as to where they were allowed to smoke.

The most poignant part of the public inquiry is certain to be the evidence of the hundreds of people who survived the fire. They will tell of the heroic work of the rescue services; but some will also recall the chaos. For several minutes after the first smouldering fire was spotted on the Piccadilly Line escalator, passengers were allowed to leave Piccadilly and Northern Line trains and head for the smoke.

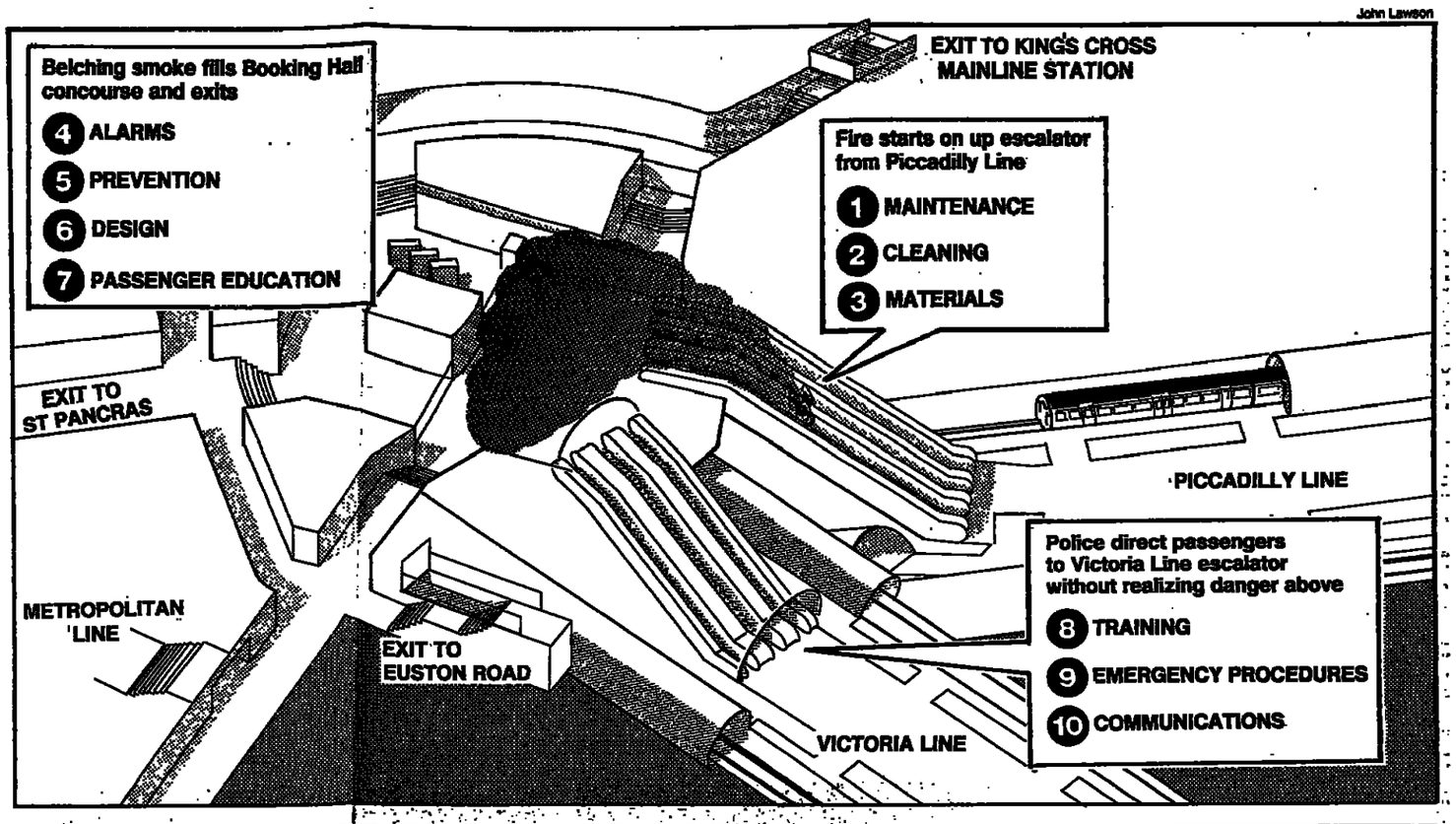
Police officers then arrived at the foot of the escalator and began to direct people up the Victoria Line escalator, unaware that it would lead them into the thickest smoke, gathering in the booking hall serving the two lines. "Why did they send me straight into the fire?" screamed Desmond McLean, aged 20, the next day as he received treatment at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

The reason was that the officers had no way of knowing what was going on. They were too deep underground for their personal radios to work. Yet a scheme to improve communications underground has been on trial for years and is still awaiting final approval. It involves laying a special cable – which can pick up and transmit radio messages – down escalators, through passageways and along platforms. The "leaky feeder" system, as it is known, is planned to be introduced at 42 stations on the London Underground, including King's Cross.

Train drivers do have communications, two-way radios which link them with a control room. But many have complained of the confusing and plainly wrong instructions they received on the night of the fire. Once the scale of the disaster was evident, drivers were ordered to carry on through King's Cross without stopping.

Yet LRT's own evacuation procedures state that trains should be used as a means of escape unless the fire is on a platform or in a train tunnel. The sight of desperate passengers banging on their windows as trains passed through the station has dismayed many drivers.

An hour after his appointment Fennell said he welcomed the challenge of helping to establish what happened during the disaster and what lessons could be learnt. There will be many.



TEN VITAL QUESTIONS FOR THE INQUIRY

Is all machinery maintained to the highest safety standards?

1 The fire started on a wooden escalator nearly 50 years old which had been seen smouldering twice before. The inquiry will undoubtedly question whether inadequate maintenance could have led to friction or overheating which set fire to dirt and grease stuck in the mechanism.

Have economies led to a drop in standards of cleanliness?

2 There have been suggestions that there has been some deterioration in standards as a result of staff cuts, and there have been many reports of potentially combustible debris in Underground stations. There appears to be no evidence that such debris contributed to the King's Cross fire, but the inquiry will wish to ask whether the Underground is kept as free as possible of fire risks.

Did inflammable materials contribute to the outbreak of fire?

3 Perhaps the outstanding feature of the fire was the speed with which it appears to have been transformed from something apparently not too serious into a terrifying inferno. Wood panels and plastic handrails on the escalator will have fuelled the initial fire. Tiles on the ceilings also caught fire. The inquiry will have to consider whether all materials used on the Underground are the most suitable from the point of view of fire prevention.

Are methods for detecting fire and raising the alarm adequate?

4 Following a fire at Oxford Circus station in 1984, an unofficial report – which surveyed safety throughout the system – recommended that smoke detectors should be installed, but King's Cross had none. London Underground is considering a programme to install smoke detectors, and the inquiry may want to add greater urgency to this programme.

Should sprinkler systems be more widely installed?

5 King's Cross has water sprinklers in the machine rooms which work the escalators, though they are hand operated, and water spray systems are installed on wooden escalators. The fire seems to have spread so rapidly that they were not turned on. The inquiry will have to consider whether automatic sprinkler systems should be installed, and how widely they should be distributed.

Are Tube stations designed to permit rapid evacuation?

6 The inquiry will have to consider whether there are sufficient exits, whether they are accessible enough, and whether the routes to them are sufficiently clearly indicated, particularly for conditions of fire and smoke when they could be obscured. It may consider whether emergency escape routes should be formally signposted from every part of every station. It will also be likely to look at the question of whether fire doors should be fitted in passageways, or fire breaks installed, for instance in the void above false ceilings.

Can more be done to make passengers conscious of fire?

7 The most effective single measure in preventing passengers from causing fires has already been taken with the imposition of a complete ban on smoking. But the inquiry may consider whether a few simple guidelines for passengers should be produced.

Could better fire drill training of staff have saved more lives?

8 Although London Underground has staff training procedures, and practises emergency evacuations, since the disaster some staff have complained that they had received little effective training. There is evidence that police or station staff trying to help people to escape may, in at least one instance, have been inadvertently directing them towards the heart of the fire. It has also been reported that staff deliberately kept the smouldering escalator running as they felt it was the best way of getting people out of the station. The inquiry will have to consider whether enough training is given often enough, and whether it takes sufficient account of the different lay-out of every station.

Could the confusion at King's Cross have been avoided?

9 The trains have emerged as the principal means of escape for people in deep Underground stations, but there appear to have been conflicting instructions to train drivers as to whether or not they should stop at King's Cross to pick up passengers during the fire, or whether they should go through without stopping.

Should station staff be provided with two-way radios?

10 Underground train drivers are provided with radios, but platform staff largely rely on telephones for communications when on platforms. This means that as they move about the station contact is broken. There is evidence from the King's Cross fire to suggest that poor communications contributed to the confusion.

WHO WILL BE THERE



Today's opening of the public inquiry at Church House, Westminster, will be a preliminary hearing to establish what evidence will be called and which parties should be represented. The chairman, Desmond Fennell, QC, (above) has already visited the scene of the disaster and will invite reports from the Department of Transport and the Health and Safety Executive.

London Regional Transport, responsible for the Underground, will call all its staff on duty at King's Cross a fortnight ago and its own experts to give evidence. Firemen and police officers will attend, together with lawyers holding a watching brief for the bereaved and injured.

Fennell, aged 54 and married with three children, sits as a Crown Court recorder and as a judge in the Appeal Court of Jersey and Guernsey. His remit is "to examine the cause of the accident and the circumstances surrounding it and to report on these and any other matters arising out of the investigation".

He will be joined by four assessors: Major Anthony King, Inspecting Officer of Railways from the Department of Transport; Dr Alan Roberts, director of the explosion and flame laboratory at the Health and Safety Executive; Sir Peter Darby, former Chief Inspector of Fire Services for England and Wales; and Professor Bernard Crossland, Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Queen's University, Belfast.

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Call of the wild

Hugh Brody's five months on Edmonton's Skid Row living with Canadian Indians on beer, sweet sherry and vanilla essence might have killed him if he hadn't sneaked off to drink some milk every morning, and to make himself sick later each day.

He was left with the material for a book, a hangover which lasted two months, and a deep regard for the Canadian Indians and *Inuit* (Eskimos) from the Arctic Circle.

"I was told to steer clear of Skid Row at all costs – there were killer Indians there – so I made straight for it and found no killers at all, but a curious domestic warmth at the bottom of city life."

That was in 1968. "What was happening was a gigantic wake. Indian and *Inuit* land had been so greatly reduced that they saw it as the end of their lifestyle."



Hugh Brody: lived the wild life of an Arctic Indian

It did not end, but depredations caused by animal rights protests, chiefly from Europe, land claims and logging – thinning the land of trees so that not only the forests went but also the wildlife on which the aborigines survived – made a recognition of the existence of city life unavoidable.

Hugh Brody is now married with two sons and lives in Penrith, Cumbria. But his 20-year love affair with the Canadian aborigines has led to the Museum of Mankind's latest long-term exhibition, *Living Arctic: Hunters of the Canadian North*, which opens tomorrow. Georges Erasmus, National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, joint chairman of Indigenous Survival International and a Dene Indian, persuaded him to negotiate for an exhibition venue in London.

Cindy Gilday, another Dene, says: "We are amazed at how ignorant Europeans are about us. They think we are museum pieces, a quaint survival of prehistoric times; this exhibition will show that we are a living culture."

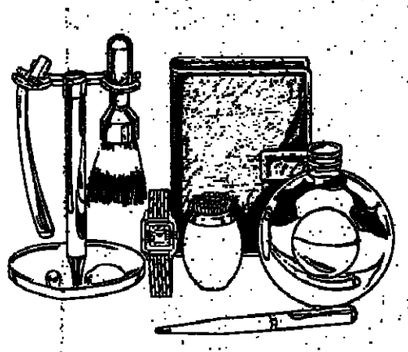
The exhibition includes a tipi, erected by two Cree women, one of whom still lives in one, and an Inuit igloo contrasting with a modern bungalow. Native artists and craftsmen will demonstrate ancient skills and there is to be a concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by the Indian musician, John Kim Bell.

Simon Tait

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Living Arctic: Hunters of the Canadian North opens at the Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, London, W1, tomorrow. Brody's book of the same title is published by Faber and Faber at £4.95.

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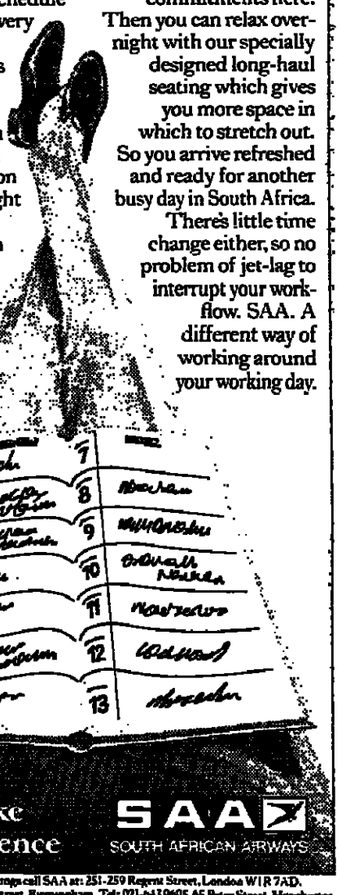


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SPECTRUM 2

Is *glasnost* more than a gesture?

Mikhail Gorbachov's policy of openness is under fire from all sides. Christopher Walker reports

Some Kremlin diehards warned from the outset of the Gorbachov era that by introducing *glasnost* the Communist Party would be opening Pandora's box. The humiliating dismissal of Boris Yeltsin from his post as Moscow Communist Party boss has led to an unprecedented wave of protest and seems to have confirmed their fears.

"*Glasnost* for Yeltsin" screamed the petitions and open letters which flooded the offices of the Moscow party, which at one point had to be ringed with police crush barriers to keep demonstrators away. Extreme left-wing radicals from the various *niformalny* (unofficial) groups which have sprung up under Gorbachov suddenly found they had a cause in common with many ordinary citizens who admired Yeltsin's approach.

The catalyst for the campaign was the refusal of the party to at first provide even the barest detail, and later openly to forbid publication of the now famous speech which Yeltsin delivered to stunned members of its central committee on October 21, and which prompted his dismissal, with the support of his erstwhile mentor, Gorbachov.

"It is only fair that we should be able to read what he said that was so bad he had to be fired for it," argued Boris Kagalitski, one of the three leaders of the pro-Yeltsin campaign. "The party is practising information apartheid by allowing some facts to be given to the foreign press and not to us Soviet citizens."

The affair has helped to put into context the true meaning of a term which had from the start given the false impression that the days of obsessive Kremlin secrecy were at last over.

In a certain very limited area (that carefully vetted and sanctioned by the Kremlin), the veil of secrecy was indeed lifted. The Soviet Press suddenly found itself free to discuss such formerly taboo subjects such as drugs, prostitution, mental illness, pollution and disasters like train crashes. But although this marked a welcome break with the past, diplomats predicted it would soon provoke a backlash from conservatives.

The first signs that the brakes on *glasnost* would be going on came during Gorbachov's unusually long summer holiday when the two most powerful conservatives in the Politburo, Yegor Ligachov, his number two, and Viktor Chebrikov, head of the KGB, took advantage of his absence to speak out against abuses.

The intervention by these two figures set the battle lines for the struggle between conservatives and radicals that culminated in the firing of Yeltsin, who was in the vanguard of the reform campaign. The affair was covered up until Aleksandr Yakovlev, the Politburo member most associated with *glasnost*, gave a rare press conference (in itself proof that old boundaries had been crossed). He obstinately defended the Kremlin's refusal to provide information about what he claimed was private party business.

Even before the retrograde intervention by the two conservatives, storm warnings about *glasnost* had gone up in the Kremlin. After the Red Square demonstrations of the Crimean Tartars caught the world's imagination and infuriated officials, strict new laws about holding public protests in the capital were imposed.

Over the last two months, the deliberate cranking down in the pace of *glasnost* has been demonstrated in many areas, most notably in the official press. At the end of October, the most symbolic set-back to reformers came when two editors of a new and daring independent magazine called *Glasnost* were detained by the militia. Although the men, Sergei Grigoryants and Lev Timofeev – both former political prisoners – were later released, their supporters said the message had been clear.

Dod Miller



A scene unthinkable before *glasnost*: the public arrival in Moscow last February of freed Jewish dissident Joseph Begun

FROM FREEZE TO THAW TO FROST

1985 — March: Mikhail Gorbachov comes to power, tells Politburo that his goal is to end arms race; underlines commitment to reform.

1986 — January: Communist party congress backs Gorbachov call for open reporting.

April: Chernobyl accident (26th); no announcement for two days.

May: Eight days after Chernobyl, Kremlin admits scale of disaster at televised press conference, blaming officials for "misleading information".

August: Estonian newspaper *reveals that military* reservists at Chernobyl had gone on strike when their tour of duty was extended.

November: Kremlin publicizes campaign to stamp out prostitution; previous line was that communism "liquidated the fundamental causes" of prostitution. Journalists' magazine carries attack on secrecy, demands new laws to free media.



Toeing the party line: Aleksandr Yakovlev

December: Russians free Dr Andrei Sakharov, admit rioting in Soviet Central Asia and authorize strong attack on Leonid Brezhnev in *Pravda*. Kremlin allows vigils by young people on anniversary of John Lennon's death.

1987 — January: Top Ukrainian KGB official sacked for involvement in trumped-up charges against reporter who exposed abuses of power. Evidence of hardline opposition to *glasnost* includes flamboyant funeral for corrupt union official jailed under clean-up campaign. Freed dissident Anatoly Sharansky says in US, don't be fooled by *glasnost*: "Gorbachov's campaign of gestures."

February: Magazine reveals police brutality in extracting confessions from Jewish dissidents in Karelia republic; interior minister sacked.

March: Moscow television interview with Mrs Thatcher, unedited, includes criticism of regime. Previously-banned anti-Stalin poetry collection, *Requiem* by Anna Akhmatova, published. First official admission that Soviet Union has drug-addiction problem.

April: Gorbachov tells Komsomol, apathetic youth organization, it must support *perestroika* and *glasnost*. Several delegates say Gorbachov knows only one tune. TV documentary shows Soviet punks and hooligans. Secrecy lifted on Aids: number of cases announced. Previously Aids cited as by-product of US biological warfare research.

June: Three pro-Gorbachov figures brought on to Politburo, diluting opposition.

August: Anti-Soviet street demonstrations permitted in Baltic republics. Manager of Moscow railway terminal sacked by anti-Gorbachov city council for helping *Pravda* expose profit diversion.

Animal Farm, Mein Kampf, Gorky Park and *The Jews of Hope* among more than 30 titles impounded at Moscow Book Fair. Exhibition of work by Chagall opens in Moscow, ending previous official disapproval.

October: Moscow party chief Boris Yeltsin sacked after attack on slow pace of reform. Party bans publication of Yeltsin speech. Riot police ring Moscow party HQ amid protests over Yeltsin sacking. "*Glasnost* for Yeltsin" posters. Editors of outspoken magazine *Glasnost* detained by militia.

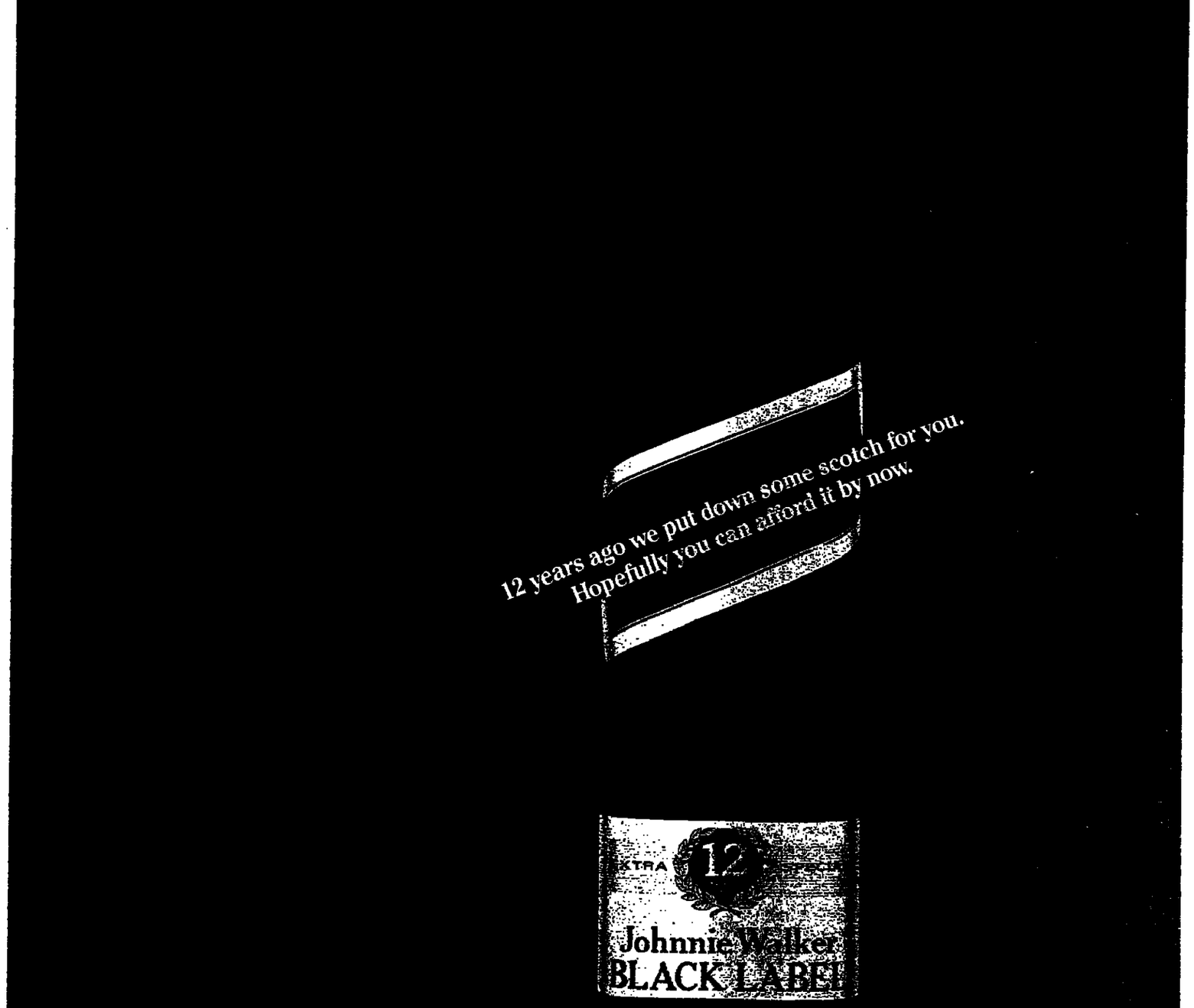
November: Aleksandr Yakovlev, Kremlin propaganda chief, defends Kremlin's refusal to provide information about Yeltsin. Gorbachov launches 70th anniversary celebrations with speech aiming to heal internal rifts; omits details of the terror under Stalin as sop to hard-liners.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Only here for the pier

An upcoming row over plans by Thames Water to park a 530ft-long pier alongside Victoria Embankment between Westminster and Charing Cross should throw up some intriguing ironies. With Lord Montagu, of English Heritage, due to tell a public inquiry next week that the two-storey pier would obscure some of the most famous views of Parliament and the Embankment's *lions and dolphins*, I understand that the quango has its own blueprint for a low-key crypto-Victorian pier. Whether Montagu will produce the scheme at the inquiry or stick to rubbishing *Clive Nicolson's Thames Water* plan is another matter. Meanwhile, fashionable architect Will Alsop, whose own design looked likely to win the favour of the GLC when it ran an open competition for such a structure in the early 1980s, says that he liked five out of the six short-listed designs, including his own. "The sixth was pretty awful – Clive Nicolson's".

● *Nicolson is himself fuming at snipes that at full tide his pier would rise to obscure Turner's famous view of St Paul's. "I'll give five bob to anyone who can see St Paul's from the site now," he says. I know one who claims to have spotted it nestling romantically between the concrete of the Festival Hall and the Shell Centre but I'll give five bob to anyone else who manages it.*

Scaled down

John Moore, the Social Services Secretary, may have wanted to help *Britain's underpaid nurses* from the hospital bed in which he is recovering from pneumonia but has received a stinging rebuff. On Monday his private office asked Great Ormond Street Hospital for a copy of the now-notorious letter in which nine heart specialists asked Mrs Thatcher to pay skilled nurses more. The specialists replied in no uncertain terms that *the letter was addressed to the* Prime Minister, and if Moore wanted a copy he would have to get it from her. But I hear that No 10 has also had its problems. The original letter, posted on Friday, went astray and the PM's office had to ask for a copy. Moore may have to wait longer for a sighting.

Silent service

Just one day after British Telecom heard that it will face competition for the national telephone-box service, its beleaguered executives launched yet another new conference telephone gadget to link callers throughout the world. To demonstrate its sophistication, BT arranged for callers from the US, Italy, the Netherlands and Britain to phone the BT tower (Post Office to you and me). The first speaker, from Italy, was explaining that he did not really need such a machine, as he only made inland calls, when he was mysteriously cut off. Things went a little better from Amsterdam, until the call became so crackly it sounded as though the speaker was talking from inside a paper bag. But at least he got through: not a peep was heard from the BT man inside a car – just 600ft below.

Kennel club

Further info on the canine crisis facing Conservative Central Office: so many Sloanes and young fogeys now take their dogs to work there, on occasion precipitating fierce clashes, that yesterday a notice was placed on the canteen door: "No dogs beyond this point". The bad news for those Smith Square workers who believe that the sign should be pinned to the front door is that the new party chairman, Peter "Caretaker" Brooke, is a dog-lover.

BARRY FANTONI



"Sweety pie, couldn't you find me one teeny-weeny Impressionist?"

Action man

The recent air disasters in America have produced a *sinister variation on the practice* of ambulance chasing by down-at-heel lawyers. The FBI has asked police departments around the country to watch out for a man masquerading as a Catholic priest *doling out lawyers' business cards* along with his spiritual comfort at the scene of tragedies. "Father John Irish" gained admission to a Detroit hospital where victims of the August crash were taken. And *last month he reappeared at* Denver airport after 81 people were killed when a DC9 came down. He was almost apprehended then but the local police have admitted: "We were always *10 minutes behind him.*"

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Whitehall threat to the universities

by Max Beloff

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, was once an undergraduate at Magdalen College, Oxford. He must be acquainted with the most celebrated episode in the college's history: the expulsion of 25 of its fellows for refusing to elect as president a nominee of King James II, unqualified under the college's statutes. He will also know from Macaulay's account of these events how important a part the consequent alienation of opinion in the university had in bringing about the Glorious Revolution and the downfall of that unwise monarch.

The autonomy of English universities and colleges has been an important part of their contribution to the nation's life. Even when in more recent decades universities have come inevitably to depend largely upon the public purse, such dependence was mitigated by the arrangements made for the disbursement of these funds. The University Grants Committee was established avowedly as a buffer between the state and the universities, advising the government on the funds required and distributing those provided between the different institutions as their academic needs might seem to suggest.

It is true that this position has already been eroded, as the sums involved have become larger and the role of the state as paymaster *more to the fore. Indeed, when* what is now the University of Buckingham was founded under the patronage of the present prime minister, one reason was the belief that the continued total dependence of universities upon the state would prove to be incompatible with the autonomy that universities require to fulfil their proper role.

No one would have believed less than 20 years ago that a Conservative government ostensibly dedicated to choice and variety in education would come forward with a bill imposing upon *the universities against their* known wishes a system of centralized control wholly at variance with the British tradition. The revolutionary character of the proposals for the universities in the education reform bill has been overshadowed by the concentra*tion of public and media interest* on the provisions for schools which are, however controversial, much closer to the national consensus as to what is needed than what is demanded of the universities.

Instead of the UGC there is to be a funding council of 15 members appointed by the Secretary of State of whom it is only required that six should have direct experience of the university world. And these councillors are to have the power to make payments for education and research "subject to such terms and conditions as they think fit". No limitations on the scope of these conditions is provided. No doubt the present intention is to facilitate the concentration of expensive research in fewer institutions *and to promote similar benign* purposes. But a future, less benign council could, without violating the law, force upon universities courses of action wholly unacceptable to them: for instance the modification or even abandonment of their criteria for the admission of students or the appointment of staff.

A well selected council willing to listen to the universities might avoid such pitfalls. But the council itself is to have no autonomy nor be entitled to offer any advice to government. For in exercising its functions the council, so the bill provides, shall comply with "any directions" given by the Secretary of State. It means in the end complete control by totally unqualified civil servants in the DES. From the fact that a parallel funding council for polytechnics and colleges is similarly composed *and empowered one must suspect* that the ultimate intention of the department is to amalgamate the two councils and so have a single system of higher education with no vestiges of autonomy remaining. No totalitarian regime could ask for more.

Academic freedom is a phrase that can be misused. Nevertheless, it must be stated that in as far as it means the freedom of academic institutions to decide their own direction and plan their own futures it is totally set aside by the provisions of the bill. The same is true of academic freedom meaning the right of *individual scholars* to pursue truth as they see it and not to suffer from holding or expressing unorthodox opinions. Hitherto it has been assumed that the existence of "tenure" whether statutory or implied has given that guarantee. There are undoubtedly powerful arguments against "tenure" at a time when for quite good reasons greater freedom in respect of staffing may be needed if the universities are to fulfil the national needs. But the provisions in the bill go far beyond what is necessary. Under the bill any member of the staff of a university can be dismissed "for good cause" undefined. And a body of peripatetic commissioners is to go *round the universities to remodel* their statutes so as to bring them into conformity with the new procedures. In particular the new statutes are to exclude the historic jurisdiction of the Visitor which has been the ultimate safeguard for the rights of an individual member of a college or university.

"Commissioners" is not a term calculated to inspire confidence in the institutions to be visited. They recall the commissioners sent to Oxford by James II to bring the university to heel. People may even remember the commissioners sent round by Thomas *Cromwell to inspect the monasteries* prior to their dissolution. Are recalcitrant vice-chancellors to suffer the fate of recalcitrant abbots?

It is clear that university opinion *will never endorse these* changes and that the universities feel aggrieved that the work of reform they have themselves undertaken in the national interest has been wholly overlooked in favour of the total centralization of control now proposed. Since neither teaching nor research can flourish if morale remains so low it is devoutly to be hoped that the Secretary of State will even at this late hour withdraw these provisions of the bill and negotiate with the universities for an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned. If he does not, there *remains Parliament*, and perhaps particularly the House of Lords, with its strong academic leavening. It would be a pity if the House of Lords was compelled to mete out to the amiable Mr Baker the fate of James II or even metaphorically of Thomas Cromwell.

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Richard Bassett on the implications of the referendum result

Poland's angry silence

Warsaw

The Polish government did not expect a 99.9 per cent victory on the Romanian scale in their weekend referendum on reforms, but they did expect a majority.

Despite weeks of newspaper and television coverage, posters on shops demanding a resounding *tak* (yes) for democracy, the referendum has signally failed to strengthen the credibility of General Jaruzelski's government, despite the gloss which officials have placed on the result.

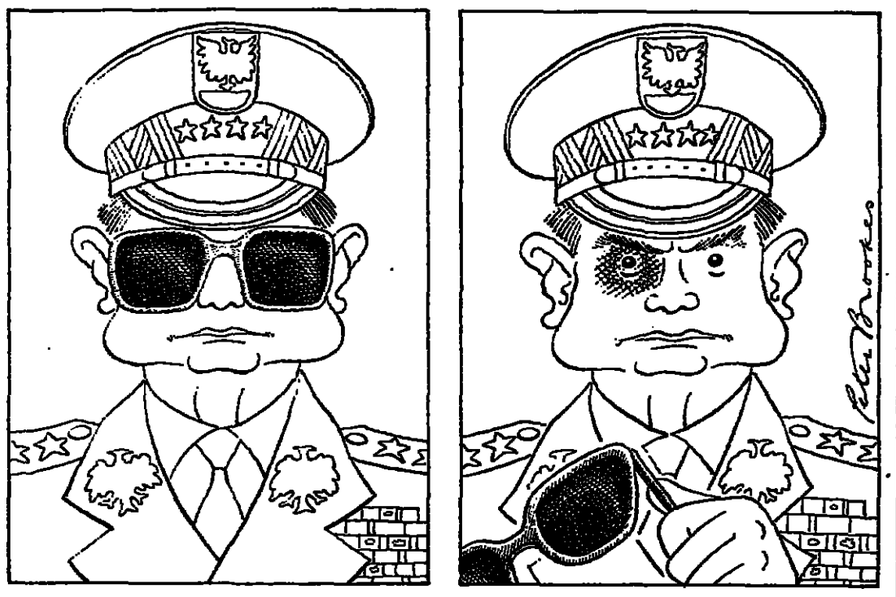
The turnout was low: more than a third of the electorate did not bother to vote. Only 44 per cent supported a government call for "radical" economic reform. Barely 2 per cent more wanted to endorse "democratization", along the nebulous lines the government refers to as "the Polish model" in the second part of the referendum.

While the veteran government press spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, insisted that this "great consultation" had shown that two thirds of Polish citizens voting supported the government, it was clear that for many Poles the entire business was a waste of time, redeemed only by a result which was a welcome and rare embarrassment for the government.

From the moment the referendum was announced two months ago, Poles were suspicious of what they saw as a government propagandist venture. Their doubts were reinforced by the fact *that, of the two questions on the* referendum form, the second, calling for more participation in decision-making, was still waiting for the Central Committee's approval even on the day the referendum was held.

If this was not enough to create scepticism, support for the idea was denied to the government, both by the opposition and the Roman Catholic Church. Through its leader, Lech Walesa, Solidarity made it clear that it had little faith in the referendum and that it did not correspond to Solidarity's idea of democracy.

Members of the banned organization might dispute the ways of responding to the referendum, but all agreed that it was no solution to the country's problems. The Church also conspicuously refused to endorse the scheme, though it did not advise



Poles to boycott the referendum.

Despite all these negative elements, the government clearly believed until Monday afternoon that it had succeeded in harnessing enough popular support to give it at least 50 per cent of the vote.

It banked on the support of at least a third of the 26 million adults eligible to vote, basing this *view on a combination of* party loyalty and public desperation over declining living standards. And it thought another third might be persuaded to join the venture on the plausible theory that not to participate would lay them open to the charge of ignoring democracy in their homeland.

In the end, however, it was this *latter group of potential voters* who let the government down. General Jaruzelski's defeat was not inflicted by a scathing opposition, but by disillusion among neutral troops.

By not falling into line and voting for what even members of the opposition admitted was a suitable package of reform that stood a good chance of salvaging the country's dire economic situation, the majority of Poles expressed their contempt – not for democracy but for the system which had denied them democracy for 41 years.

"There is no tradition of voting in referendums in our country," Urban observed in his opening defence of the low turnout. He did not point out that this was hardly surprising given the fact – admitted even by Polish Communists – that the last referendum, 41 years ago, was crudely rigged with troops intimidating thousands to vote at the point of a bayonet.

The referendum this weekend was an *entirely different affair*. Nevertheless the fact remains that suspicion of the government's motives, coupled with widespread apathy, caused the venture to fail. It is suspicion reinforced by the apathy of decades which poses a far greater barrier to *glasnost* in Eastern Europe than any rearguard opposition from entrenched bureaucracy. However critical the *opposition's attacks on governments* in Eastern Europe, it is credibility which is the fundamental issue.

After more than 40 years of Communism, Poles, like Czechs and Hungarians, do not need *glasnost* to tell them that their country's economic potential has been systematically destroyed. They do not need a referendum to enlighten them as to the principles of democracy.

Sunday's voting in Poland was a clear message, not only to General Jaruzelski but also to Mikhail Gorbachov, that more than 40 years of bureaucratic incompetence and totalitarian regimes across the face of Central and Eastern Europe have shifted the onus of proving good will on to the shoulders of the political establishment.

There can be no doubt that Gorbachov was watching the results of the voting with keen interest. He has a splendid working relationship with General Jaruzelski and considers Poland the most important of Russia's allies in the Warsaw Pact, as well as the one which is most suitable for experiments in *glasnost*.

He cannot have been pleased with a result which illustrated so dramatically the weariness and apathy of Eastern Europe. As Urban said on Monday: "The Polish people have been consulted. No one should be in any doubt as to their verdict."

Abusing those child assault statistics

The results of a survey of child sex abuse conducted by MORI in 1984 has since given rise to much *confusion. In particular, the sur*vey is used to show that one girl in ten is sexually abused by someone in their family. This is wrong.

When television producer Lyn Gambles approached me to conduct the first-ever survey on the subject I was initially reluctant. However, she convinced me that this was an important matter which she would treat in a responsible way in a series of programmes for Channel 4, and that an attempt should be made to measure the dimensions of the problem. To prevent any further misuse of the survey's findings I thought it would be useful to explain how the survey was organized and to detail some of its key findings.

Ms Gambles assembled a team of consultant paediatricians, psychologists and other advisers to help MORI prepare a sensitive questionnaire to be put to a nationally representative sample of the British public.

We recruited a special team of interviewers who were briefed in detail about the objectives and sensitivities of the subject matter. We used indirect interviewing techniques. We had a team of psychologists and psychiatrists *standing by to assist any inter*viewer who needed help in dealing with a respondent upset by the questions.

In drawing up the questionnaire we were advised that the classic *definition was not just the act* of abuse but also the *intent*, and we took this classic definition in our questioning. It was:

> A child (anyone under 16 years) is sexually abused when another person, who is sexually mature, involves the child in any activity which the other person expects to lead to their own sexual arousal. This might involve intercourse, touching, exposure of the sexual organs, showing pornographic material or talking about things in an erotic way.

The same definition was used in a survey conducted by the BBC's *Childwatch* programme presented *in 1986*.

It was this definition that had an affirmative response from 10 per cent of the sample of 2,019 adults aged 15 plus interviewed personally in 179 constituency sampling points throughout Great Britain between September 6 and 10, 1984. It is this answer that has led to the misunderstanding. These 10 per cent who said they had experienced sexual abuse as child*ren included 8 per cent of men and* 12 per cent of women, 12 per cent of those between the ages of 15 and 54 and 6 per cent of those aged 55 and over.

In the majority (62 per cent) of cases it happened only once, and in only 22 per cent of the occurrences did it happen more than once with the same person. Only 15 of the 2,019 involved said that such an experience involved sexual intercourse and in about half (54 per cent) of the cases did it first occur at age 12 or under, which many may argue is a truer definition of a child. Only 10 per cent, i.e. 1 per cent of the total, said that as adults they felt that they suffered permanent damage as a result of the experience.

Susan Crosland, writing in *The Sunday Times* on October 31 and again on November 22, has clarified both the definition and the findings in discussing this subject. Rather than the one in ten which has been quoted by social workers, recently reported as the incidence of "serious sexual abuse" on the Channel 4 programme *Incest: The Crime of Violence*, which reported that "one female child in ten is sexually abused by someone they know and trust", this estimate *should be one female child in 220* has suffered incestuous abuse by her father or brother, involving sexual intercourse or some other form.

Ms Crosland concluded that "*that is quite bad enough* but it is not the one in ten claimed by zealots blandly smashing up families 'in the interests of the child'." In the case of the 1,049 women interviewed by MORI there were only seven cases of incestuous abuse: i.e. one female child in 150 was sexually abused by her father, grandfather or brother, not one in 10, although in two additional cases a stepfather was involved.

Pollsters and others are frequently met with the taunt that there are lies, damned lies and statistics, quoting Disraeli. We try hard to get it right. It is distressing to see our findings misused. It was a brave Lyn Gambles who commissioned the poll and presented her programme on Channel 4 in a responsible way. It is sad to see how irresponsibly her work and ours has been misused.

Robert Worcester

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Woodrow Wyatt

A final hurdle to livelier Sundays

After the committee stage of the *Sunday Sports Bill in the Lords on* November 5 there was a general impression that it had been emasculated. Fortunately this is not so. The provision that the Sunday Observance Act 1780 shall not apply to "any race, *athletic sports* or other sporting event" remains intact.

This would make legal admission charges for all Sunday sports events and for them to begin at any time. Subterfuges and open flouting of the law would no longer be necessary: a great relief to organizers of Sunday sporting events who dislike the taint of running a "disorderly house or place" in the words of the 1780 act.

The overhanging threat of prosecution is unpleasant and the organizers of such Sunday events as the motor-cycle scramble at Cuerden Park, Lancashire (successfully prosecuted in 1956), have had to alter inconveniently their arrangements for Sunday events to try to escape the law. The *authorities controlling all the leading* and minor sports have told me how pleased they are at the prospect that they will no longer have to do this.

At the committee stage it was also agreed that betting may take place after 12 noon on Sundays on the grounds where sporting events are held. This was conceded by those opponents of the bill, who on the whole are against paid admission to any sporting events on Sundays – a generous if tardy recognition of the changes in public opinion since 1780.

If the bill were to go through the Lords and Commons as it stands now there would therefore be a substantial improvement over the present position. Sunday betting at grand prix motor racing, at Lord's, at Wimbledon and at race tracks would become legal. But a bill in that form would be unfair to the millions who do not have credit accounts with bookmakers.

It is legal to bet by telephone with credit offices on Sundays. But 20 per cent of households do not have telephones, and many who do shun credit betting. They want to pay cash for their bets, to know where they are as they go along. They do not wish to be tempted by credit betting into spending more than intended. To shut betting shops would be elitist discrimination against the lower income groups.

If betting shops were allowed to open on Sundays, not all of them would. In areas deserted on Sundays it would be pointless. Perhaps 5,000 betting shops might open on racing Sundays, a tiny number compared with the 150,000 establishments selling alcohol on Sundays. The nuisance factor of a few betting shops opening on a Sunday when there was racing would be insignificant.

If betting shops were not open on racing Sundays the danger of an increase in illegal betting would be enormous. It is impossible to have racing without betting and if it is not legally provided it will be illegally conducted by criminals. The Betting Office Licencees Association, in a paper to the All Party Parliamentary Racing Committee in 1984, estimated that *illegal betting runs at some 15 and* 20 per cent of the total, and that may be an underestimate. Prosecutions are difficult because of the shortage of Customs & Excise staff and the problems of collecting the *evidence where there are no* complainants other than legal bookmakers.

The 1978 Royal Commission on Gambling comment that illegal betting is a serious and rising danger remains true. It is most prevalent in clubs and pubs and even conducted in illegal bookmakers' own premises. Its attraction is that there are no deductions for the 8 per cent tax and required payment to the Levy Board which can add another 1 per cent. Since the on-course 4 per cent betting tax was abolished legal bookmakers have had a remarkable *surge in their turnover from* punters who have abandoned the once numerous illegal course bookmakers whom it was impossible to catch in the act.

Recently three firms have established popular racing services by telephone. These give betting prices before a race and a live commentary on the race itself. It is easy to put amplifiers on the telephones and set up what is more or less a betting shop tax free and without a licence. On weekdays the charge for a call is 38p a minute: it drops to 25p on Sundays. Two more firms are considering *setting up similar* systems which, with others entering the market, could be taking ten million calls a year before long. The scope for illegal betting on a Sunday without betting shops grows daily wider.

The Home Office is convinced of this and would oppose a bill which did not permit betting shops to open on Sundays when *approved horseracing takes place*. Unfortunately on November 5 the provision for opening betting shops on Sundays was lost by three votes in the Lords.

Next Wednesday at 8 pm sharp the report stage of the Sunday Sports Bill will begin, when there will be an amendment moved by me to permit the essential and limited opening of betting shops on Sundays when there is approved horseracing which is an integral part of the bill. If it is not carried the whole bill will have no government backing and will be lost, leaving the staging of Sunday sporting events in the same cribbed and unhappy state as in 1780. The House of Lords has frequently shown itself to be a champion for progress in libertar*ian issues and this emphatically is* one. I hope enough libertarian peers will turn up on December 9 to strike a blow for liberties which have been suppressed for over two centuries.

however . . . Pearson Phillips

Wally and ivy, that's me

My friends, relatives and all other attachments, including the manager of the local supermarket and the policeman who calls round with the parking summonses, must prepare themselves for a surprise. I am sending Christmas cards this year. *Sending* is perhaps not quite the right word. I am *spraying* them around like, well . . . confetti.

I have a lot of leeway to make up in the Christmas card business. For many years now in the Yuletide postal tennis match I have received but have failed to return. I bear the guilt of revelling shamelessly in the annual analysis of what other people are trying to say about themselves with their cards while never giving anyone the chance to have a good laugh over my own. Several decades have passed since I last scrawled a "hope to see you in the coming year" on a personalized card displaying "the house in snow".

In my time, though, I have been through most of the fashions. Pictures of "our latest" one year, "the dog" the next. I don't think I ever went as far as one friend, who featured the family grouped round "the new car". But I remember looking upon Christmas cards as a way of saying something rather more than Happy Christmas. What I was doing was circulating a miniature annual company report and accounts. "Here we are. We're doing all right. How about you?" Not that I ever did the actual *sending, of course. That was* women's work.

Which brings me to why I am back in contention. A certain Professor Lisa F. Berkman of California has a lot to do with it. Whenever things look bleak you can guarantee that some social observation emanating from California will generally make them look bleaker. What the professor has done is produce some statistical evidence to support one of the long-standing legends of the sex war: that shop-soiled men on their own, deprived, for one reason or another, of their mate, are staring death in the face through self-neglect. They probably won't even know how to defrost the refrigerator.

The professor's figures show that these unfortunate creatures have a death rate 135 per cent higher than married men. They are also more likely to smoke, have a car accident and be the victim of a murder attack. Thanks a lot, darling. I've started smoking, had the car crash, and am now waiting for the bang on the head in a dark alley.

Women, it seems, don't suffer in the same way. They count on emotional support outside marriage because they are better at keeping up with friends and family. They are also good at knowing the doctor's phone number.

I mentioned the professor's findings while breakfasting with a member of the killer sex one recent Sunday morning. It is not normally my policy to bring these cosy, domestic scenes into the public domain. But a rough account of what happened might be instructive. "It's all men's fault," she said. "They look upon every woman as a mother, someone to cling to. And they lead such idle, sheltered, cosseted lives at home that they are unfitted to survive if they find themselves alone."

Yes, but . . .

"Take this morning, for instance. What have you done, apart from sit around reading the papers and drinking coffee?"

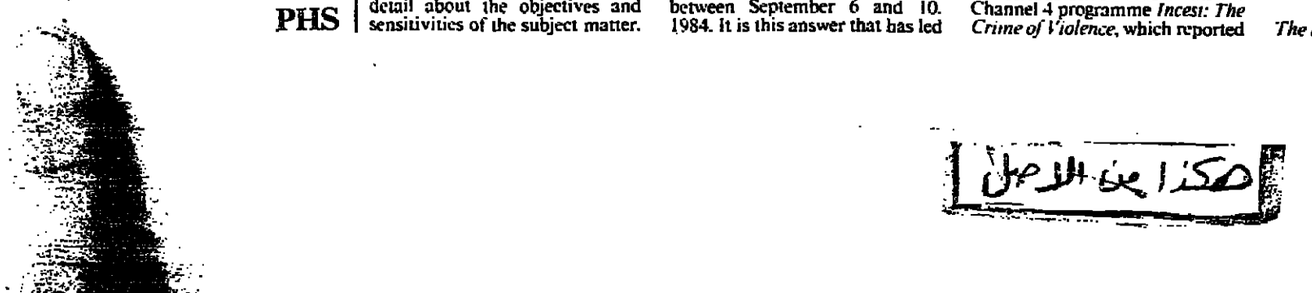
Well, I went out and bought them. What have you been doing?

"Washed up from last night, *made the breakfast, laid the* breakfast, made the paté for tonight, watered the plants, fed the cats, did the washing, tidied the bedroom, organized a birthday dinner, telephoned a godchild, spoke to my mother, sketched out an office memo, asked you what music you wanted to hear, didn't get an answer, debated with myself about how best I could persuade you to go to the doctor about your hearing, booked a tennis court, recruited bridge players for next Thursday, washed up breakfast, made you a second pot of coffee, took out the Christmas cards list and updated it . . ."

Now wait a minute. This is all part of the female strategy. They weave a cocoon around men, making them more or less helpless. Then they eat them.

"All I am suggesting is that it would do men some good if they were less reliant on women and more capable of looking after themselves if they were left on their own."

All right. I'm starting with the Christmas cards. After that I have been promised a lesson in defrosting the fridge.



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THE CARLUCCI CARD

Summits are often discussed in the language of the gaming table. If it really is like that, Mr Reagan badly needs a few new cards.

He has always had one strong suit: the US military presence in Europe. On Monday, it looked as if Mr Frank Carlucci, the new American Secretary for Defence, was already discarding it before the game had begun. The presence was not "immutable", he said in an informal conversation with reporters. By yesterday, he was saying he had been misquoted. Let us hope so.

Nato was already showing its tendency to fall into traps of its own making. After the "zero option" for intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF), which was offered by the Alliance on the assumption that the Soviet Union would never accept it, the West could be about to repeat the error.

The West Europeans know that, by accepting the zero option, they will lose the two best cards in their pack. For, whatever the advantages in improving the East-West climate, Nato will be foiled in its objective of maintaining a land-based missile force capable of reaching Soviet territory from Europe in order to counter a reciprocal threat. Similar problems are about to arise with short-range nuclear forces (SNF) and conventional forces.

A campaign has already been launched against the modernization of the remainder of Nato's nuclear arsenal in Europe with a view to its complete elimination. It may well be followed by seemingly generous offers by the Soviet Union of withdrawals of conventional forces from Eastern Europe. That will lead to the erosion of the American military presence. It would go a long way towards achieving two main strategic objectives of the Soviet Union: the denuclearization of Europe and the decoupling of the United States from it.

The signs are clear. Even before an INF treaty, Soviet spokesmen have started to protest against "compensatory measures" which Nato is said to be taking to circumvent it: the introduction of new American forward-based weapons such as air-launched and sea-launched — as opposed to ground-launched — cruise missiles, and the replacement of older allied short-range missiles.

The Soviet line has been duly taken up by the usual voices in the West, such as Britain's CND. But the INF agreement is about the removal of land-based nuclear weapons in the 300 to 3,000-mile range. It is not about freeing Soviet territory from a possible threat from allied nuclear weapons stationed in Europe.

Mr Gorbachov has frequently requested the complete elimination of all short-range nuclear weapons from Europe. His spokesmen have recently called for speedy talks to that end. Nato argues that it needs the nuclear element to balance the adverse conventional forces ratio. But the critics point out that Mr Gorbachov has already accepted the principle of asymmetrical reductions of such forces and, indeed, declared in his Saturday interview with NBC news that Moscow had made its proposals and was awaiting a response.

This is the clue to Soviet tactics in the next stage. Shortly before retiring as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General Bernard Rogers warned that Mr Gorbachov might well soon announce the unilateral withdrawal of a couple of divisions from East Germany and hold out the prospect of more. That would have a powerful effect on the West, in the United States, as well as in Europe. The West Europeans already find it difficult to allocate the necessary resources for conventional force improvements.

While, with sizeable Soviet troop reductions, the numbers of US forces in Europe may become militarily less urgent, their continued presence as a token of the American commitment to European security and integrity is not in the least diminished. Western Europe will always need a strong alliance with powerful nuclear and conventional forces to balance its massive Soviet neighbour regardless of the seeming benevolence of the present Soviet leadership. It is this element in the equation which appears to receive the least emphasis. It is really the decisive one. Without it, Nato will be trapped by its own declarations.

WHEN DEALERS ARE DIPLOMATS

What is the right level for the dollar? Distinguished American academics can be found to argue that the currency still needs to fall by 20-30 per cent, and that was certainly the direction in which markets were moving on Monday. On the other hand there are tentative signs that the fall which has already occurred is having the desired effect of making US production more competitive internationally and beginning to correct the trade imbalance.

The honest answer is that nobody knows. With hindsight it is clear that the level at which central banks tried to stabilize rates in the aftermath of the Louvre accord earlier this year was too high. Only large amounts of official intervention kept the dollar anywhere near those levels.

But the US currency has fallen more than 10 per cent since then. It is by no means impossible that if governments and central banks were now to show some collective determination the dollar could settle at its new levels for at least the next six months. Mere mortals cannot see further than that in the currency markets.

Yesterday there were at least some temporary signs of a more determined mood from the authorities. Central banks around the world intervened in a co-ordinated raid on the speculators and the dollar recovered about half of Monday's fall.

It would have been more reassuring if the United States Federal Reserve Board, about whose participation there were conflicting reports yesterday, had been more clearly involved in this operation. Traders have become convinced, rightly or wrongly, that the US is prepared to let the dollar fall further before any Group of Seven meeting of finance ministers is fixed to stabilize rates.

There has certainly been an element of dealing-screen diplomacy in which the US threatened Europe and Japan with a still more competitive dollar unless European or Japanese interest rates were cut or expansionary measures taken. This has damaged confidence, and was indeed the immediate cause of the crash in stock market prices. But a lower dollar raises US inflation and there are now increasing worries in the US about the rising level of commodity prices which is one of the first signs of inflationary pressure.

Markets will be more convinced that the Americans are serious in wanting to put a floor under the dollar when the Federal Reserve is prepared to see some increase in interest rates. The domestic arguments against that are clear enough. The Administration will not welcome any action which seems to exacerbate the risk of recession in an election year.

The US Treasury Secretary, Mr James Baker, would much prefer cuts in interest rates elsewhere than increases in the US. None the less firm action sooner rather than later would help to convince markets that the US was prepared to defend its currency. By stabilizing the dollar this might hasten a return to lower rates later.

Today the West German government is expected to reach preliminary agreement on new expansionary measures aimed at industry. How far German industry will actually take up the soft loans which will be made available and how big a boost they will therefore provide to the economy remains to be seen. But with inflation at its present very low level in Germany the move is in the right direction. The measures will probably be followed by a cut in the German discount rate — perhaps later this week.

Taken together with the proposed cut in the US deficit, these German proposals will provide in outline some of the policy adjustments necessary for a return to greater stability in foreign exchange markets. Markets now need to be convinced that those outlines will become solid fact.

HEAT AND DUST IN LAHORE

The behaviour of England's cricketers in the first test of their Pakistan tour was inexcusable. Beaten on the pitch, they retired hurt to the pavilion, to turn an unhappy occasion into an unpleasant one.

The cause of their grievance was easy to see. Some of the umpiring was below what should be expected in a test match. It is frustrating to be given out, as was the opening batsman, Mr Chris Broad, when one is confident that the decision was wrong. Cricketers are professionals, whose career earnings can be altered by their every performance.

But umpiring errors are not new. Indeed, they are inevitable. Even the best umpires make mistakes, especially after a long day in the field. The examples at Lahore may have been unusually frequent and particularly bad; but the players have to rise above them, or the game becomes meaningless.

Mr Broad's angry refusal to "walk", in contravention of the game's traditional standards, was regrettable. But the premeditated absence of the team from the prizegiving ceremony and the comments of the manager, Mr Peter Lush, made matters much worse. For Mr Lush, then the captain, Mr Mike Gatting, to become personally embroiled at a time when the occasion cried out for calm leadership reflects badly on their judgement.

The England side was beaten not by bad umpiring but by leg-spin bowling and it is hard to imagine how anyone could think differently. Had the players retreated with good grace to prepare for the second test next week they would have saved their dignity at least. As it is, they have returned the moral ground to Pakistan who, it is fair to recall, themselves abandoned it last summer in this country. Their own manager's criticism then of English umpires did little good for cricket or himself.

If the ability of umpires is found wanting the matter should be raised through official channels. The time to do so, however, is after the tour is over, when the standards can be seriously assessed. The wrong time is amid the heat and dust of a test match.

One answer may be to turn to neutral umpires. This would be, in a way, an admission of defeat, since until recently their impartiality has been unquestioned. Nor would "neutrals" be entirely free from criticism. Association football, rugby union, tennis and other sports use neutral referees — who are subjected to frequent abuse.

So far the chief objections to neutral umpires have been from close to home. While umpiring standards in England are generally high, those elsewhere are more patchy. The fear is that when England are playing here, the standards of the umpiring would go down.

Despite the suggestions of bias, it remains the competence of umpires which is usually at fault. Strong character is needed to stay unmoved by the confident appeal for "caught behind" from a fielding side who may just be trying their luck. Gamesmanship among players is as much to blame as anything for the present breakdown in confidence.

What does seem clear is the need for further study of the problem and perhaps the establishment of an international panel, containing only those who have reached the required standard. Meanwhile, England's cricketers should be made aware of how their fellow countrymen feel about their behaviour at Lahore — and make up their minds that there must be no repetition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chance for UK to 'tailor' CAP

From Mr Paul Bareau
Sir, Another summit confrontation on the finances of the Common Market's agricultural policy should be the opportunity to consider the basic reconstruction which the CAP (common agricultural policy) needs. Juggling with quotas, adjusting "green" exchange rates and disposing of surpluses will not eradicate the system's fundamental flaws.

There can be no long-term solution of the problem until the financial responsibility for each member country's assistance to its own agriculture is borne by that country's budget. It will be objected that this would be destroying the one full application of the common market principles in the European Economic Community; but that is no defence of a policy which is rapidly bankrupting the Community.

Each member now gives divergent support and subsidies to such basic industries as coal, steel, shipbuilding and transport. Why should agriculture be the one exception?

The United Kingdom is well placed to take the required initiative. Our pre-Common Market support for agriculture, the "deficiency payments" scheme, had the qualities which the CAP lacks. The farmer had the assurance of guaranteed prices, negotiated each year, giving him reasonable support at no unreasonable cost to the Exchequer. He sold his produce in a free, unprotected market, giving the consumer the benefit of the lowest world prices. The "deficiency" between what he received for his produce and what he would have received under the guaranteed prices was paid over to him.

There were other benefits. The system encouraged trade with primary producers in the Commonwealth and the poor Third World. It avoided the bureaucracy and huge cost of intervention and of the storage and disposal of surpluses. It did not damage other countries' agriculture by exporting these surpluses at give-away prices.

In all these respects the CAP is an offender where our pre-Common Market system was guiltless. It should not be beyond the wit of our experts to tailor for the Common Market a system of agricultural support based on the principles of our former highly effective deficiency payments scheme.

At the last summit meeting which considered the EEC budget problem Mrs Thatcher refused to increase the UK contribution until the agricultural haemorrhage had been staunched. In her one-to-eleven isolation she was criticised by the French Prime Minister for bringing to the affairs of Europe "*un esprit de ménagère*".

If the financial responsibility for funding the support of agriculture in the EEC were de-collectivised, thus removing the damaging assumption that "somebody else will pay", we would promote a more realistic, "housewifely" attitude all round the negotiating table.
Yours faithfully,
PAUL BAREAU,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
November 27.

From Mr P. H. Gibbons
Sir, In your leading article (November 18) you rightly lay much of the blame for farm surpluses on the CAP and its inability to modify its course, having achieved its original aim. But, before the farmers get clobbered for their past successes, it is important to put the present UK position into perspective.

Before this harvest, stocks in intervention in this country were two million tonnes, down from a maximum of five million tonnes. Today the figure is one million tonnes and we can be confident that the stores will be empty before next harvest. It is unlikely that any of this year's harvest will go into intervention because of its poor quality and because it is five million tonnes "less" than last year.

In the eastern counties we have experienced the wettest October for 100 years; no doubt at some stage the rains will relent, but we can predict that there will be no surplus from next year's harvest; the grain mountain has reduced to a molehill and will soon disappear.

Our political manipulators should consider carefully what Nature is already achieving, without their help, before they throw us all out with the ditch-water.
Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GIBBONS,
The Hall,
Holton-le-Moor,
Lincoln.
November 24.

Radiation levels

From Dr P. J. Mountford
Sir, The letter in your columns from Mr Emery (November 23) is incorrect in its implication that the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) has been slow in deriving new radiation dose limits.

Any reassessment of radiation protection dose standards must be based on two components — that of dose and effect, where the effect is that of the risk of radiation-induced cancer. The key part of the US-Japan Atomic Bomb Radiation Dosimetry Committee statement of March 17, 1986, quoted by Mr Emery, mentions the relevance of both components, but only states that the new dosimetry system (DS86) had been established. In fact the separate reports describing the new dosimetry system and the reassessment of the risk estimates were not published by the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) until the late summer of 1987.

At their meeting in Como during September, 1987, the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) declined to make any immediate changes in their recommended dose limits. Their own committees and other learned bodies are considering the implications of the published material and are awaiting the outcome of other studies, including a reassessment by the RERF of separate organ risk estimates.

In the past, national advisory bodies have taken their lead from the ICRP in setting their own local dose limits, but despite the ICRP's delay, to their credit, the NRPB have gone ahead and within the last week issued interim guidance consisting of dose limits reduced by one third for occupational exposure.

This is not the first time that the NRPB have gone below the limits recommended by ICRP. In the autumn of 1985 the latter recommended that members of the public could receive an annual dose of 5mSv (millisieverts) as long as the lifetime dose did not exceed an average of 1mSv per year over a lifetime.

In early 1986 the NRPB responded by recommending a single dose limit for members of the public in the UK of 1mSv per year. They have now gone one step further in their recent guidance by recommending that a dose of 0.5mSv per year should not be exceeded by the radioactivities in effluent discharges from a single site. The magnitude of these public exposure limits can be compared with a mean natural background dose in the UK of 2mSv.

In the adjustment of radiation dose limits it can only be concluded that the NRPB have acted promptly, in advance of the international body, and by recommending tighter standards than the latter. For this they deserve congratulation, not criticism.
Yours etc,
P. J. MOUNTFORD,
6 Manor Close,
Thanington,
Canterbury, Kent.
November 25.

Law on charities

From Mr John Arkell
Sir, There is much that I agree with in your stimulating leading article on the Charity Commission (November 17), particularly the implicit need for the clarification and restatement of its objectives and the need, initially anyway, for extra resources.

There is, I believe, a misunderstanding of the nature of the current register, which is not like that for nurses and doctors, implying a recognised degree of competence.

Although there is rightly a certain kudos attached to registration, it cannot at present mean much more than that the trustees are under a legal obligation to ensure that the funds and other assets of the charity concerned are applied and used for charitable purposes. It does not necessarily imply that the charity is or continues to be well run — and indeed cannot, because of the shortage of staff and the vast numbers involved.

From my experience, albeit spasmodic, of 50 years' contact with the commission over a diverse field of institutions, I have personally found the commission helpful, constructive, flexible when it is right to be so, and fair.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN ARKELL,
Savile Club,
69 Brook Street, W1.
November 22.

Crisis in care

From the Chairman of the Intensive Care Society
Sir, The council of this society is gravely concerned over the crisis caused by the shortage of intensive-care nurses, highlighted by recent events in Birmingham. This problem is not exclusive to cardiac surgery and paediatrics but extends throughout the whole field of intensive care.

In many centres throughout the country intensive-care beds are being closed due to a lack of suitably trained nurses and the situation is particularly serious in London.

Critically-ill patients admitted to intensive-care units must receive round-the-clock individual nursing care, provided by staff who have been specially trained in this discipline. Although many nurses apply to receive such training, places are limited and once trained, many leave within a year or so.

The principal reason for this wastage is the very poor remuneration for this particularly demanding and stressful work. If we are to reverse this deepening crisis, which affects all aspects of acute patient care and leaves expensive resources idle, the special skills of these nurses must be recognised and rewarded.
Yours sincerely,
C. J. HINDS, Chairman,
Intensive Care Society,
9 Bedford Square, WC1.
November 25.

Pictures that may deceive the eye

From Mr Noël H. P. Turner
Sir, I write, as an auctioneer, with reference to Miss Sarah Jane Checkland's report (November 25), of a case brought under the Trade Descriptions Act.

The authenticity of any antique article or work of art is a matter of opinion, based on experience and, if available, provenance, but still opinion. In this case an art dealer, who should know his business, bought a painting for £3,250, believing it to be by Thomas Girtin and so described in the catalogue. Presumably the underbidder was of the same opinion. This would seem to give a good idea of the market value of the painting.

Thereafter the picture was taken to another, more famous, firm of auctioneers, one of whose staff stated it to be by William Pearson and valued it at £400. But the chairman of BADA (British Antique Dealers' Association) says his association has "always thought the auctioneers' descriptions were pretty worthless", so why accept this later opinion?

It is not possible in the sphere of antiques to give what the trading standards department calls a "true" description every time. Even among the most academic art historians there are conflicting opinions and certainly over the years attributions are altered.

Auctions, by their very nature, have always been a bit of a gamble, with the vendor hoping for — and often getting — an unexpectedly good price for his goods, and with the buyers using their experience or knowledge to buy what they want for the price they are prepared to pay.

One wonders if the art dealer in this case would have resorted to the Trade Descriptions Act if he had paid £400 for a picture valued subsequently at £3,250?
I am, Sir, your faithfully,
NOEL H. P. TURNER,
50 St Nicholas Street,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
November 25.

Artists' forum

From the Secretary, Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours
Sir, Your re-printing of a leader article ("On This Day", November 25) about the inception of the Royal Watercolour Society's diplomas in 1882 and referring to its professional standing alongside the Royal Academy as trustee of British art was most illuminating.

In return for the Sovereign's Diploma, each new member presents us with a work to represent him or her for posterity. The collection is therefore unique in having been formed by its participating artists rather than by museum curators.

The society was founded in 1804 to provide a necessary exhibiting forum in addition to the Royal Academy and it is apparent that this need still exists today.
Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SPENDER, Secretary,
The Royal Society of Painters in Water-Colours,
Bankside Gallery,
48 Hopton Street,
Blackfriars, SE1.
November 26.

Birds in Cyprus

From Mr M. W. Woodcock
Sir, I see in your Focus on Cyprus article today (November 27) that the Director General of Tourism in Cyprus is trying to lure (an unfortunate word) more bird watchers to his beautiful island.

As an important figure in the economy of a country whose government permits the slaughter of between two and five *million* birds annually, he is ideally placed to bring pressure on his colleagues to be resolute in outlawing the shooting and liming of birds in Cyprus. At a stroke, this would enormously enhance the natural appeal and wildlife of the country and will attract a great increase in the number of the class of tourists he wishes to encourage.

In addition, it will placate those countries in Europe who despair at a situation in which they encourage and protect their own breeding birds, only to see them senselessly killed as they migrate through Cyprus.
I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
MARTIN WOODCOCK,
The Fives,
Elderden Farm,
Staplehurst, Kent.
November 27.

Poet in detention

From Lady Antonia Fraser and others
Sir, We have learned with great distress that the distinguished poet, Jack Mapanje, was detained by the Government of Malawi in the last week of September. Since then it has been extremely difficult to obtain firm news about his whereabouts or the charges which are levelled against him. We do know, however, that he is being held in prison in Malawi.

Jack Mapanje is recognised throughout Africa as one of the most able younger writers in the continent and he is also head of the Department of English at Chancellor College, University of Malawi. We hope that the Malawian authorities will be able to make public the precise reasons for his arrest. They have detained one of their country's outstanding talents whose modesty and artistry have commended themselves throughout the world.
Yours faithfully,
ANTONIA FRASER,
ANGUS CALDER,
MICHAEL HOLROYD,
ALASTAIR NIVEN,
HAROLD PINTER,
JOSEPHINE PULLEIN-THOMPSON,
GILLIAN TINDALL,
ROBERT WOOF,
International P.E.N.,
Writers in Prison Committee,
38 King Street, WC2.

Burdens of age

From Mr Gordon Burrows
Sir, Mr Denis Meehan (November 23) will be relieved to hear that civility in the younger generation is not dead, though it may be misapplied.

Last week, while standing in a crowded Fulham Road bus, I was offered a seat (for the first time in my life) by a young man in black leather jacket and jeans.

He clearly did not share the illusion I had of myself as a fit and upright septuagenarian looking several years younger than his age.

I only hope that my gracious acceptance of his offer appeared genuine.
Yours faithfully,
GORDON BURROWS,
Lanka,
17 Marston Road,
Farnham, Surrey.
November 23.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 2 1924

After travelling on the reconstructed City Railway, the first Tube line, opened in 1890, the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, spoke prophetically about London traffic troubles

FIRST TUBE LINE REOPENED.

THE CITY RAILWAY.

HOME SECRETARY AND TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

The City and South London Railway, which is now to be called the City Railway, was reopened for passenger traffic yesterday after complete reconstruction. The first train between Moorgate and Clapham Common was driven by Miss Marion Stanley, the daughter of Lord Ashfield, chairman of the Underground Company.

The City and South London line was the first tube railway ever constructed, and the first electric railway in England. When first opened in 1890 it had a length of only three miles, the district served extending from the Monument to Stockwell. Trains consisted of three cars of tramcar type without windows, and the only side openings were narrow ventilation slits below the roof. The upholstery of the interior of the cars completely covered the sides, and the carriages were humorously known in the closing years of the last century as "padded cells". Extensions and improvements followed, but until the reconstruction of the line was undertaken in 1922 the cars remained of a primitive type, and the railway had a bad name for its stuffiness.

A remarkable transformation has now been effected. The old narrow tunnels have been enlarged to take the new all-steel cars which mark the latest development in underground rolling stock; stations have been rebuilt, platforms lengthened, and escalators installed, and bad ventilation has become a memory. Travelling by the line, which, during the rush hours of the morning and early evening, was formerly uncomfortable and, because of the rattle of the carriages and the mustiness of the air, actually unpleasant, will now be a convenience and a pleasure.

THE NEW SERVICE.

The service to be opened on the line will consist of 26 trains an hour in each direction between Clapham Common and Camden Town. Half of this service will work between Camden Town and Golders Green, Hendon, and Edgware, and half between Camden Town and Highgate. Work is now in progress on an extension southward from Clapham Common to Morden, which will give facilities for underground travel to the dense populations of Balham, Tooting, and Merton. A second junction is also being made with the Hampstead tube by extending the latter from Charing Cross to Kennington. The completed system will be the most noteworthy contribution to the underground railways of South London since the opening of the original tube 34 years ago . . .

The [opening] ceremony was followed by luncheon at the Hotel Victoria, where Lord Ashfield presided over a large gathering.

Sir W. JOYNSON-HICKS, M.P., Home Secretary, proposed the toast of "The Company". After congratulating the Underground on a great engineering achievement, he said that one of his greatest difficulties at the Home Office was concerned with the direction and control of traffic in the streets of London . . . He was convinced that the problem could not be solved by allowing everybody to travel above ground. The streets were so congested that he could hardly see how they were to bear any further traffic . . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 30: The Prince Edward this evening attended a banquet at Guildhall in aid of Mobility Trust and the Stars Organization for Spastics.

His Royal Highness was received by Mr Peter Mahon (Director, Mobility Trust) and the Countess of Arran (President, Stars Organization for Spastics).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

December 1: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member of the British Sub-Aqua Club, this morning at Buckingham Palace presented the 1986 Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for Underwater Science.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, attended Receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Institute of Directors at the Great Room, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

His Royal Highness was received by the President of the Institute (Sir Peter Walters).

Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
December 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother today visited the Automobile Association Centre, Fanum House, Leicester Square, and honoured the Chairman (Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison) with her presence at luncheon. Lady Angela Oswald and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 1: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales' Advisory Group on Disability, this morning chaired a meeting of the Group at Kensington Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Planning and Communications Committee at the Mansion House, London EC4.

Mr Humphrey Mews was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of Cities of London and Westminster Home Safety Council, was present today at a Luncheon at the House of Lords. In the evening Her Royal Highness was present at The White Dove Ball in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital Cancer Fund at The Dorchester, Park Lane, W1.

Mrs Enan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
December 1: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today visited The Guards Museum, Wellington Barracks, London SW1. Captain Michael Campbell-Lamerton was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent today opened Phase III of Hartlepool General Hospital, and the Day Care Unit of the Hartlepool Hospice, Cleveland.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs David Napier.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
December 1: Princess Alexandra this morning opened the Park Lane Fair, held in aid of the Forces Help Society and Lord Roberts Workshops, at the Park Lane Hotel, London W1.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Dinners

Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill gave a dinner last night in Speaker's House in honour of the Polish Ambassador and Mrs Gertych. The Apostolic Pro-Nuncio attended. The other guests included:
Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, and Lady Hailsham, Mr Frank Field, MP, Mr Ralph Howell, MP, Mr and Mrs Zbigniew Matuszewski, Mrs Joan Fisher, Miss Elizabeth Hall, Mrs Timothy Henley and Mr and Mrs Peter Kilcalf.

Samuel Pepys Club
Canon P.C. Pilkington, High Master of St Paul's School, was the guest of honour and speaker at the annual dinner of the Samuel Pepys Club held last night at Middle Temple Hall. The Hon John Montagu, president, presided and Lieutenant-Commander Peter Angell, chairman, also spoke.

Weavers' Company
The Lord Mayor was represented by Alderman Sir Christopher Leaver at a dinner given by the Weavers' Company last night at Vintners' Hall. Mr C.J. Bourne, Upper Bailiff, received the guests. Sir Christopher Leaver, the Hon G.W.M. Chubb, Upper Warden, and Mr David Summerscale, Head Master of Westminster School, also spoke.

Group for Europe
Mr Ian Taylor, MP, Chairman of the Conservative Group for Europe, presided at a dinner held last night at Church House, Westminster. Mr John MacGregor, MP, was the guest speaker and Mr Neville Beale also spoke.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Mr Bernard Silverman, President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. Dr David Jacks also spoke. Lord Graham of Edmonton and Mr Gordon Oakes were among the guests.

Commonwealth Foundation
Mr Robert L. Stanfield, Chairman of the Governors of the Commonwealth Foundation, presided at a dinner held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League to announce the winner of the first Commonwealth Writers prize, jointly administered by the foundation, the Book Trust and the Royal Over-seas League.

Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea
The Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea gave a dinner last night at the Town Hall. The guests included the Bishop of Kensington and Mrs Hughes, Sir Anthony and Lady Coates, General Sir Roland and Lady Guy, Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Spurrier and Mr Gerald Scarfe and Miss Jane Asher.

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
Mr Peter D. Sutherland, Commissioner for Competition and Relations with the European Parliament, European Communities, and Sir John Borrie, QC, Director General of Fair Trading, were the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators held at Guildhall last night. Mr Benjamin Power, president of the institute, presided. Among the other guests were:
The Hon Peter Brooke (Paymaster General) the Ambassadors of the Republic of Ireland and South Africa and the High Commissioners for Mauritius and Nigeria.

SMMT
Sir Godfrey Messervy, President of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, was host at the society's annual dinner held at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, last night. Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, Minister of State for Trade and Industry, was the principal speaker.

School news

Eagle House School, Sandhurst
The Governors of Eagle House have appointed Mr Simon Carder, Headmaster of Beachborough School Brackley, to succeed Mr John Greenish as Headmaster of Eagle House on his retirement in August 1988.

Tudor Hall School
The Nesta Inglis Music Scholarship has been awarded to Holly Harris, of Garden House School. A new building is now under construction for modern languages, typing and home economics. The science facilities will then be up-dated and extended. These projects will be completed for the Autumn Term 1988.

The Yehudi Menuhin School
Mr Nicholas Chisholm, at present a housemaster at Hurstpierpoint College, Sussex, has been appointed Head of The Yehudi Menuhin School from September 1, 1988.

MARKS & SPENCER

ST MICHAEL
CHILDREN'S SOFT TOYS

We have discovered instances of faulty seams on our soft toys which could result in the filling of the toy coming out. As a precaution therefore and in order to protect customers, all soft toys have been removed from display and returned to the manufacturer.

Would all customers who have bought any St Michael Soft Toys please return them to the Customer Service Desk at their local store, where a full cash refund will be offered.

Science report

Survivors give glimmer of hope to Aids victims

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The latest study of Aids patients who survived at least five years after diagnosis has given doctors some glimmer of encouragement.

The results of an analysis of 5,833 patients, described in a report in the latest issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, indicates a less dire outlook for some patients than is commonly assumed.

The conclusion comes in a paper from Dr Richard Rothenberg and colleagues, of the Federal Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta. They suggested it might be too early to conclude that Aids was a uniformly fatal disease.

Their observations come from progress of the surviving 15 per cent of patients of the group, all from New York City, who were diagnosed with Aids five years before 1986.

Their findings "provide some light, some hope" amid the otherwise grim statistics of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, they say.

Nonetheless, Dr Rothenberg stressed, the observation that a few Aids patients do relatively well "is not to ignore the enormous proportion that does badly."

According to the New York study, half of all Aids patients died within the first year after they were diagnosed, with black and Hispanic drug abusers dying far more quickly on average than gay men.

Gay white men who had Kaposi's sarcoma, a form of cancer, but who had suffered none of the serious infections associated with Aids did best; 72 per cent of these men lived at least a year after diagnosis and 30.9 per cent survived for at least five years.

Dr Rothenberg said that some of these differences in survival might reflect differences in health care or when Aids was diagnosed.



Sir Robert Scholey, chairman of British Steel (left), after receiving his knighthood and Mr Adrian Moorhouse, European and Commonwealth breast-stroke champion, after receiving his MBE insignia at an investiture at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Carr and The Lady Anne Somerset
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Sir Raymond and Lady Carr, of Burch, North Molton, Devon, and Anne, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, of Badminton, Gloucestershire.

Mr A.E.G. Ward and Miss L.R. Lycett Green
The engagement is announced between Alexander Evelyn Giles, son of the Hon Peter Ward and Mrs Claire Ward, and Lucy Rose, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rupert Lycett Green.

Mr A.E.C. Edmonstone and Miss U. Worthington
The engagement is announced between Edward, eldest son of Sir Archibald Edmonstone, of Duntreath Castle, Stirlingshire, and Mrs Bingham Hartley, and Ursula, eldest daughter of the late Mr Benjamin Worthington and of Mrs Worthington, of Wood House, Brough Park, North Yorkshire.

Mr J.M.F. Dixon and Miss A.R. Pilkington
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Dixon, of Copley, Thornton Hough, Wirral, Cheshire, and Amanda, youngest daughter of the late Mr A.R.D. Pilkington and of Lady (David) Black, of Elvendon Priory, Goring-on-Thames, Berkshire.

Mr N.A. Crockett and Miss F.A. Pawley
The engagement is announced between Neil Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Crockett, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Felicity Ann, daughter of the late Archdeacon B.C. Pawley and of Mrs Pawley, of Old Wives' Lees, Kent.

Mr A.J. Dubens and Miss J.N. Pearce
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr Dennis Dubens, of Toronto, and Mrs Robert Warwick, of London, W2, and Jinny, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Pearce, of 7 Grosvenor Avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

Lieutenant J.M. Hodgkins, RN and Miss J.M.G. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.F.E. Hodgkins, of Vine House, Tarrant Gunville, Dorset, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H.P. Stewart, of Ferncroft House, Marnhull, Dorset.

Mr M. Inzani and Miss L.M. Crowhurst
The engagement is announced between Marco, son of Mr and Mrs R. Inzani, of East Croydon, Surrey, and Laura, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.E. Crowhurst, of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Mr H.E. Pratt and Miss L.H. Burgett
The engagement is announced between Hugo, elder son of Mr and Mrs Graham Pratt, of Pulborough, Sussex, and Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Leslie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James R. Burgett, of Ellens, Rudgwick, Sussex.

Mr N.J. Saunders and Miss J.B. Bak
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Group Captain and Mrs J.R. Saunders, of Elloughton, East Yorkshire, and Jane, elder daughter of Hr and Fru A. Bak, of Brabrand, Aarhus, Denmark.

Mr P. Scott and Miss V. Byles
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs E. Scott, of Andover, Hampshire, and Victoria, younger daughter of the late Mr C.H.G. Byles and Mrs Byles, of Rochester, Kent.

Mr N.B. Thorp and Miss A.P.A. Manley
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Bernard, only child of Mr and Mrs Bernard Thorp, of Christchurch Street, Chelsea, London, SW3, and Antonia Penelope Anne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Manley, of Radipole Road, Fulham, London, SW6.

Mr M.T. Wilford and Miss D.G. Goodwin
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Michael and Gerti Wilford, of East Molesey, Surrey, and Daisy, daughter of Richard Goodwin, of Grices Wharf, Rotherhithe, and Jocasta Innes, of Spitalfields, London.

Marriages

Mr L.R. Greenough, jr, and Miss T.H. Howell
The marriage took place on Friday, November 27, at Chelsea Old Church between Mr Lawrence Greenough, son of the late Mr L.R. Greenough, of Boston, Massachusetts, United States, and of Mrs P.F. Hanbury, of Hill Ash Farm, Petersfield, and Miss Thekla Howell, daughter of Mr G.M. Howell, of San Francisco, United States, and of Mrs T.W. Howell, of 17 Trevor Place, London. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and attended by Eugenie Howell, Sophie Cikovsky, Renata Haas and Miss Mary-Jo Otsea. Mr Sampson Hanbury was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr I.C. Strachan and Miss M.E. Auchincloss
The marriage took place in New York on November 28, 1987, between Mr Ian, C. Strachan, elder son of Dr and Mrs Charles H. Strachan, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Miss Margaret E. Auchincloss, daughter of Dr and Mrs Hugh Auchincloss, of Ho-Ho-kus, New Jersey, United States.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chairman of the Council of "A Celebration of British Food and Farming 1989" will attend a council meeting at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; will present the Ministry of Defence Apprentice Awards at the Ministry of Defence at 11.45; as President of the King George's Fund for Sailors, will attend a seventieth anniversary reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 6.00, in aid of the fund; and, as Patron of the London Federation of Boys' Clubs, will attend a fund-raising dinner at St James's Palace at 7.05.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Royal College of Music at 3.00.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust, will visit at exhibition of Ashley Jackson's paintings at the Regional Headquarters of Bass Yorkshire, Lockwood Park, Huddersfield, at 10.10; as President of Business in the Community will visit the Dock Street Workshop at 11.30; the Jamaica Society at 12.20; and the Ramgarhia Sikh Centre at 12.40. Later, as Patron of the Renaissance Theatre Company, he will attend a charity performance of the company's production of *Twelfth Night* at the Riverside Studios, W6, at 8.15.

The Princess of Wales will visit Sulivan Primary School, Peterborough Road, Fulham, at 10.45, in support of the Government's Child Poisoning Awareness Campaign.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University, will visit King's College Drug Control Centre at Manresa Road, SW10, at 11.00 and she will preside at the degree ceremony at the Albert Hall at 2.00. Later, as President of the Royal Yachting Association, she will attend the council meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club at 60 Knightsbridge at 4.35; and will attend a dinner given by the Royal Ocean Racing Yacht Club at The Brewery, Chiswell Street, EC1, at 7.30.

Princess Margaret, Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, will attend the St John Ball at the Inter-Continental hotel at 8.20.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Royal Pump Museum at Harrogate at 2.20. Princess Alexandra will attend the Christmas Tea Party given by the Diplomatic Service Wives Association and the Diplomatic Neighbours at Lancaster House at 3.30.

Luncheons

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mrs Rifkind, were hosts yesterday at a luncheon held at Dover House, Whitehall, to mark the visit to London of the Right Rev Dr Duncan Shaw, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Law Society
Mr Derek Bradbeer, President of the Law Society, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street. Among those present were:
Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, Mr Michael Ogden, QC, Mr Marcel Berlins, Mr Alan Hardcastle, Mr Sam Phillips, Mr Richard Thomas, Mr Richard Gaskell, Mr Robert King and Mr John Hayes.

Lancaster Ball

The Lancaster Ball will be held at the Savoy Hotel on New Year's Eve. Music will be by Johnny Howard's Moonlight Serenaders and Ricky Valente and the cabaret by the Russian Tziganka Dancers. Tickets, at £115 per person including a champagne reception and five course gala dinner, are available from the Savoy's New Year's Eve Office. Telephone: 01-836 4343.

OBITUARY

JAMES BALDWIN

Writer of black America

James Baldwin the black American novelist, playwright and polemicist, died on November 30, in the village of St Paul de Vence, in the South of France, which had been his home in recent years. He was 63.

He began as an imaginative writer and ended up as a publicist for the rights of blacks. Creatively speaking he had done little of value for some years past, but the best of his work — his earliest — stands comparison with any of its period to come out of the United States.

He is best remembered for his first three novels, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *Giovanni's Room* and *Another Country*. Between them these deal with his central themes — the plight of the oppressed black, and the personal confusions arising from Baldwin's own ambisexuality. His collections of essays — *Notes of a Native Son*, *Nobody Knows My Name* and *The Fire Next Time* — are also passionately eloquent.

James Arthur Baldwin was born in New York on August 2, 1924. His childhood was spent in poverty in Harlem, and was dominated by the bigotry, fear and religious fanaticism of his step-father, a lay preacher.

He went to Frederick Douglass Junior High School, where the black writer Countee Cullen was a member of staff, and then to DeWitt Clinton High School, a predominantly white school. There he befriended a number of white pupils, including the photographer Richard Avedon, with whom he later collaborated on the book *Nothing Personal* (1964). In the meantime he had become a Holy Roller preacher in Harlem, where his vindictive delight was to attract bigger audiences than his step-father.

His stepfather's death and the Harlem riots of 1943 marked the first of a series of turning points in Baldwin's life. Five years of living hand to mouth in the literary bohemia of Greenwich Village followed, as he struggled to become a professional writer.

In this period he met the black writer, Richard Wright,



who adopted a semi-parental role, and helped him obtain creative writer fellowships to eke out the money he earned in cafés.

In 1948, Baldwin went to Paris, where he published *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, in 1952. Evoking brilliantly his experiences as a boy preacher in Harlem, it was an immediate success. *Giovanni's Room* (his only substantial work of fiction from which the theme of race is totally absent), explored the theme of homosexual love in a sensitive and compelling way.

In 1957, Baldwin returned to New York. He wrote for the stage, but his next novel, *Another Country*, met with a mixed reception. From this point onwards, his preoccupation with civil rights overshadowed his career as a creative writer.

His second collection of essays, *Nobody Knows my Name* (1961), was an immediate success. But it was *The Fire Next Time* (1963) which captured the mood of increasing impatience among black Americans at the slow pace of change, that confirmed Baldwin in the role of spokesman for his community.

In that role, he was prominent at the celebrated colloquy between a number of prominent blacks and the then Attorney-General, Robert F. Kennedy, in the same year. His play, *Blues for Mister Charlie* (1964), was an attempt to transfer some of these themes to the stage.

Baldwin threw himself into speaking and fund-raising for the militant civil rights movement. His essays at this time are largely preoccupied with this theme, although he did find time to collect his short stories under the title *Going to Meet The Man* (1965); his first play, *The Amen Corner*, was also revived on Broadway in the same year.

His return to the novel eventually came with *Tell Me How Long The Train's Been Gone* (1969), a weak effort which does not stand scrutiny.

Afterwards Baldwin published only comparatively light weight work among which was a dramatisation of Alex Haley's *Autobiography of Malcolm X*.

His re-emergence in the 1970s as a spokesman for the new uncompromising black militancy was in many ways the antithesis of the subtler position that he had taken up in his Paris days.

All Baldwin's earlier work, both fiction and essays, displays a mastery of English, vivid imagery and fastidiously precise syntax. As the Civil Rights polemicist began to gain the upper hand some of this precision of style and thought fell away, but the publicity he was able to gain for black demands was substantial.

Later, he fell from grace in the eyes of militant blacks, and was the subject of a bitter attack by Eldridge Cleaver in his essay *Notes on a Native Son*. Cleaver ascribed Baldwin's failures to his homosexuality, and to his inability to accept the full implications of being a black man.

Baldwin's attempts to work his way back into favour were not among the happier episodes of his life, nor did they produce work of the calibre of his earlier writings.

His personal life was characterised by a paradoxical combination of ostentation (he earned very substantial sums from his writings) and rejection of material possessions.

He never married.

PROFESSOR K. B. SMELLIE

Professor K. B. Smellie, who died on November 30, at the age of 90, was one of the most intellectually engaging teachers of his generation and a man of exceptional sensitivity, perception and wit. He was Professor of Political Science at the London School of Economics from 1949 until his retirement in 1965.

Kingsley Bryce Speakman Smellie — "KB" — was born on November 22, 1897, of parents of Scottish origin who were in repertory theatre. He was educated at Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith. After serving during the First World War with the London Scottish in France, where he lost both legs in action, he went to St John's College, Cambridge, to read history.

While he retained an affection for Cambridge, it was to the London School of Economics that he gave life-long service, except for a Rockefeller studentship at Harvard Law School in 1925/6, a spell with the propaganda research unit of the BBC, and most of the war at the Ministry of Home Security and Board of Trade.

He was appointed to the LSE staff in 1921. His teaching included courses from the opposite extremes of the subject, from English local government to social and political theory, or from drains to doctrines, as he would put it. His expostion was epigrammatic and exploratory, owing nothing to dogmatic thrust or oratorical flourish.

Smellie's published writings — such as *A Hundred Years of English Government* (1930), *Reason in Politics* (1939), and *A History of Local Government* (1946) — gave only partial indication of his intellectual range, which indeed was often best revealed in his comments on a new Shakespeare production, a novel re-read, or a film just seen. He played his part in the early days of the Political Studies Association, and his constant effort was to see and present political studies through history and philosophy.

His own position was one of scepticism and some pessimism. He was relieved that American power could replace that of the dead British Empire and saw the two countries as bastions of civilized democracy under constant threat from barbarisms of various kinds.

He was a man secure in his own convictions and of firm integrity of character. He was, nevertheless, shy and in many situations diffident. In retirement he even allowed himself to imagine in private that the decision to promote him to a chair must have been some misplaced gesture of compensation for the physical punishment he suffered in the First World War.

At the same time, he overcame his physical handicap with such cheerfulness that others were never embarrassed. He was no mean table tennis player and he derived the greatest pleasure out of mastering motoring in later life.

Although Smellie had been reluctant to visit the LSE frequently after retirement, "the School" was until the end the focus of his attention and he was never happier than in the company of former students, now professors there, who would bring to his Wimbledon home news of developments at Houghton Street.

This interest was enthusiastically shared by his wife, Stephanie, who, in a wide range of activities on behalf of students, fully complemented his efforts. From the earliest Sunday teas at Spencer Hill to the birthday anniversary parties of the later years, they both thoroughly enjoyed entertaining, which also fitted firmly into their joint conception of what was entailed in being a teacher.

DR ROGER MANVELL

Dr Roger Manvell, a former director of the British Film Academy and a film scholar, died on November 30, at the age of 78. He was a professor of film at Boston University's College of Communications, where he taught for the past twelve years.

His principle achievement was to promote and popularise the art of the cinema at a time when little intelligent guidance was available to the general public. His Penguin paperback, *Film*, first published in 1944, was a wartime best-seller which became a standard introduction to the subject.

It ran into three editions and was followed by other primers which helped generations of cinemagoers to a more critical appreciation of the medium. He was also one of the first writers to attempt a serious critique of the creative possibilities of television.

Arnold Roger Manvell was born in Devon on October 10, 1909, the son of a clergyman. He took a degree at Leicester and a doctorate at London. He then lectured in adult education, before moving to Bristol University in 1937 to lecture in literature and drama.

During the war Manvell worked at the Ministry of Information, specialising in film work. After the war he became director of the British Film Academy, a post he held for twelve years, and he was a consultant to the academy's successor, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

He was an enthusiast second to none, but he did not let his enthusiasm get the better of him, and he wrote with balance, discernment and good taste. He tended to be against the censorship of films — that is, trade censorship — more especially in relationship to political issues. He lectured on film throughout the world and was a regular broadcaster, particularly on the BBC radio programme, *The Critics*.

Manvell was a prolific author, and apart from his introductory works on cinema, he wrote studies of film animation, Shakespeare in the cinema, films and the Second World War, Ingmar Bergman and Chaplin. He also collaborated with Dr Rachel Low on the early volumes of the standard *History of the British Film*, and wrote biographies of the stage actresses Ellen Terry and Sarah Siddons.

His other main interest was the history of Nazi Germany. He wrote a television play and a book on the July plot to assassinate Hitler, and was joint author, with Heinrich Fraenkel, of biographies of several leading Nazis, including Hitler himself, Goebbels, Goering, Himmler and Hess.

He is survived by his wife, Francoise.

MISS MURIEL TARRANT

Miss Muriel Tarrant, who died on November 19, aged 85, was an early pioneer of occupational therapy in this country.

Occupational therapy is the treatment of physical and psychiatric conditions through specific activities in order to help people reach the maximum level of function and independence in all aspects of daily life.

In the early 1930s she and a friend, Angela Rivett, opened a treatment centre in London's Tottenham Court Road (later, the London School of Occupational Therapy), running six-month courses for students.

She worked for many years with the British Association of Occupational Therapists, especially in finance, and organized its first national conference in 1951.

She was an effective voice on the Whitley Council, and at the same time developed healthy relations with physiotherapists and other paramedicals.

Muriel Tarrant was a woman of enthusiasm, skill, and charm, and she won over many eminent doctors who had earlier voiced misgivings about the fledgling profession of occupational therapy.

She is survived by her son.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119 : 1

BIRTHS

BARRINGTON SMITH - On November 26th, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, to Anne (née Fowler) and Jamie, a daughter Helen Catriona.

CARDONA - On November 30th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Katie (née Winfield) and Christopher, a daughter, Alexandra Louise.

CHASTEL DE BOINVILLE - On November 13th 1987, in Washington D.C., to Barbara and Bryan, a daughter, Madeleine Louise.

COLTMAN - On December 1st, at Simpson Memorial Hospital, Edinburgh, to Mary and David, a daughter.

CUTTS - On November 24th, to Lynne (née Hopkins) and Ian, a daughter Amy Olivia Sara.

DEVONSHIRE - On November 24th, to Wendy and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Natica, a sister for Jamie.

DILLON - On November 28th to Henrietta (née Elwell) wife of Michael, a daughter.

DOUGLAS-HOME - On November 30th, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Jane (née Williams-Wynne) and David, a son.

ELPHICK - On November 30th 1987, at Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, to Caroline (née Chapman) and Paul, a son, Rory Edward, and a daughter, Tamara Elizabeth.

GRAY - On November 30th 1987, in Toronto, to Debbie (née Hagerman) and Malcolm, a daughter, Katelyn.

HOOKER - On November 24th, to Gillian (née Dussek) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas Frederick.

HOULGRAVE - On November 26th, 1987, to Mary (née Lander) and Peter, a daughter, Elizabeth Jean.

JONES - On November 23rd 1987, at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Siân (née Davies) and Huw, a daughter, Rhiannon Mair, a sister for Eleri.

LAWRENCE - On November 11th 1987, to Lucinda and Patrick, a daughter.

LITTLE - On November 24th, to Chantal (née McBain) and Simon, a daughter Ghislaine, a sister for Jessamy.

LOCKE - On November 26th, in Cambridge, to Rachel (née Fulford) and Alasdair, a daughter, Emma Louise.

MORAN - On November 26th, at Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, Aylesbury, to Caroline (née Rose) and Philip John, a daughter Elizabeth Katherine, a sister for Fiona Margaret.

NEWTON - On November 29th, to Jackie and Roy, a son.

ROUPELL - On November 23rd, at Humana Wellington Hospital, to Griselda (née Baroness von Richter) and Anthony, a daughter, Antonia, a sister for Alexander.

SHEINWALD - On November 28th, to Julia (née Dunne) and Nigel, a son Oliver Nicholas.

SHILLITO - On November 11th, to Richard and Sally (née Carter) a daughter Eleanor Jane, a sister for Rosie and Katherine.

SHUTE - On November 29th to Peta (née Dewhurst) and Chris, a son, Nicholas Oliver Harry (many thanks to all at St. Thomas's Hospital).

STRUDWICK - On Thursday November 26th 1987, at The West Hill Hospital, Dartford, to Joanne (née King) and John, a son, James William, a brother for Jonathan.

TIARKS - On November 25th, to Lucy (née Dundas-Petrie) and Mark, a daughter, Sophie Olivia Phipps.

WALWYN-JONES - On November 27th 1987 to John and Caroline (née Gilbard) a daughter.

WHITEHEAD - On November 25th, at Carmarthen, to Richard and Linda (née Harper) a son, Rupert William, a brother for Edward.

WORLLEDGE - On Novevaber 27th, to Anne (née Fisher) and Tim, a daughter, Jennifer Clare, a sister for Katie.

MARRIAGES

BETHELL-LE GALLAIS - On November 21st, The Hon. James Bethell to Mrs Sally Le Gallais.

DEATHS

BUNBURY - On November 27th, peacefully in hospital Edith Beatrice Craufurd, aged 94 years, wife of the late Lt. Col. R.S. Bunbury, R.A. Funeral service at St Saviour on the Cliff, Shanklin, I.o.W., Friday December 4th at 1pm, following by cremation. No flowers. Donations to Abbeyfield Society Ltd, c/o Downer & White, 43 Sandown Rd. Lake, I.o.W.

CURTIS - On November 28th, at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, peacefully after a short illness, Catherine Eleanor (Kit) aged 78, widow of the late John Harold Curtis F.C.A., much loved mother of Peter, Andrew, David and Richard, will also be sadly missed by her 13 grandchildren other relations and many friends. Requiem mass at Saint Anne's R.C Church, Wendover at 11.15 am on Thursday December 3rd followed by burial. "On whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy". Flowers to F.H. Sheffield, 152 High St, Aylesbury, (0296) 82160.

CROFTON - On November 27th, peacefully at Princes Risborough, Olive Amy Stewart, wife of the late Sir Richard Crofton C.I.E., I.C.S., (Retd). Service at Ker-Maitra followed by cremation. Interment later at All Saints, Minstead at a date to be arranged.

D'ALESSIO - On November 25th 1987, at The Royal Marsden Hospital, London, Carmen Hylda aged 74 years, sister of Ronald & Violet. "Beneath are the everlasting arms".

DUNN - On November 30th 1987 peacefully at home after a long fight against cancer, Pat, aged 54, darling wife of Tony, devoted mother of Beverley, Michael and Jeremy, grandmother of Joanna and Oliver and much loved daughter of Anna Permain. Funeral at St. Mary's, Funtington, near Chichester on Friday December 4th at 3.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Foundation, The Macmillan Service, or Chichester Marriage Guidance Special Fund, c/o Edward White and Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester 782 136. Thanksgiving Service 11 am, January 12th, at All Saints Church, SW6 (by Putney Bridge).

EDMONDS - On November 28th 1987, peacefully in hospital, aged 82 years. Joan Isabel (Belle), wife of Dr Phil Edmonds of Haslemere, Surrey. Funeral service at St. Christopher's Church, Waythill, Haslemere, Surrey, on Thursday December 3rd at 10.30 am., to be followed by private cremation. Inquiries to G M Luff & Partners. Tel: Haslemere 3524

EGERTON - On November 30th, Mark Bernard S.E.A., A.P.M. Div., D.D.T. aged 46. Beloved husband of Phillippa, much loved father of Eileen and Eammon and adored son of Evelyn. Funeral to be held at Putney Vale Crematorium on December 4th at 12.00 noon. Flowers to Evershed Bros., 120 Wandsworth High Street, SW18.

FARRANT - On November 29th 1987, David Upcott, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton. Dearly loved brother of John, Joan, Evelyn and Peggy and the late Peter. Funeral at The Crematorium Taunton, at 2.30 pm, Friday December 4th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Friends of Taunton Hospitals, C/O Hatcher and Sons Ltd. High Street, Taunton. Tel: 272277.

FORGE - On Monday November 30th 1987, at Whittington Hospital, Highgate, Catherine Mary Forge (née Garrett), aged 91, after a short illness. Funeral at 2.00pm, Friday December 4th, at the Chapel, Wimbledon Cemetery, Gap Road, SW19.

HAMILTON - On November 26th, as a result of a road accident, Frank Adrian Hamilton, aged 39 years. Beloved husband of Hazel, dear son of Dr. Frank Hamilton and Mrs Menna Hamilton, much loved brother of Susan, dearly loved son-in-law of Eric and Eileen Booth of Stockport. Funeral service on Monday 7th December at 10.30am at Halleybury College Chapel, Hertford, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations gratefully accepted for Whaddon Parish Church Restoration Fund. c/o S.Newing & Son Funeral Directors, 122 Mill Road, Royston, Herts.

HYLAND - On November 27th, Suddenly after a short illness, Bob, aged 65, devoted husband of Brenda and much loved father of Ian and Phillip. Will be greatly missed by all. Funeral Service at Lincoln Crematorium, 2 pm Thursday December 3rd, family flowers only. Donations to St.Barnabas Hospice, Lincoln.

KYNCH - On November 30th 1987, after a short illness, Winifred Eva Rose, beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Wilfrid's Church, Northepden on Monday December 7th at 3 pm. Donations to George Kynch Memorial Fund, Wythenshawe Victim Support Group. Enquiries to B.D Slamon & Son. Tel: 061-945 2097 or 061-338 0098.

KENT - On November 30th, at Alveston Leys Nursing Home, Stratford-upon-Avon, Zillah, beloved wife of Sir Harold Kent and mother of Michael and Margaret. Funeral Service at St. James's Church, Chipping Campden at 2.00pm on December 4th. Family flowers only.

LENOX-CONYNGHAM - On November 30th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Monica Elizabeth Lenox-Conyngham much loved wife of the late Desmond and dearly loved mother of Robert and grandmother of Roderick, Philip and Nicholas. Funeral on Friday December 4th at 4pm at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Balcombe Rd, Crawley, Sussex. Family flowers only. Donations to the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Rd, London.

MARSH - On November 28th 1987, Mary Isabel Durno of Wye, Kent. Dearly loved wife of Ronald and mother of David and Christine. Funeral service at Wye Parish Church on Tuesday December 8th at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Pilgrims' Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury. Enquiries to Earl & Co. (0233) 20522.

NEAL - On November 26th, peacefully, Mary Margaret, much loved sister and aunt. Funeral service on Tuesday December 8th at Holy Trinity Church, Forest Row, East Sussex at 12 noon followed by burial. Flowers to Kenyon's, 74 Rochester Row, London, SW1 by 8.45am same day.

NICOL - On November 29th 1987 in Poole Hospital, Bruce Milligan Nicol O.B.E. (Military) TD age 74 years of Ferndown, Dorset. Dearly loved husband of Mary and caring father of Christopher and Diana, private cremation. donations if desired may be sent to Charles Smail & Son Funeral Directors, 15 West St, Wimbourne. Tel 0202 882572 in aid of the Chest, Heart & Stroke Association.

OUTHWAITE - On Sunday November 29th, Nancy, of Rydons, Wimbledon. Dear sister of Tom, and cousin of Patricia. Cremation on December 4th, 11.30, Putney Vale. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, to Friends of The Elderly, 42 Ebury Street, London SW1W 0LZ.

OVERMAN - On November 26th 1987, unexpectedly aged 66, Maj Albert Michael Dampier R.E., husband of Esme, and father of Arlette, greatly missed. Memorial service at St Mary's, Walkern near Stevenage on December 12th 1987, at 12 noon.

PARIS - On Friday November 27th, 1987, after a short illness, Major A G Paris (Royal Corps of Signals retired). Dearly beloved husband of Esmé. Service at Mascnhill Crematorium by Ayr, Scotland today, Wednesday December 2nd. 1pm

PACKER - On November 29th, suddenly, Marjory Iris Packer aged 65 years, daughter of the late Robert Packer of H. Huntsman & Sons Ltd. Funeral Service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Wednesday 9th December at 12.00 noon. Any flowers or enquires please to S.R. Dillamore Ltd. 16 Old Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. Tel: 0525 372210.

PATTENDEN - On November 28th, peacefully with the friends she loved, after a long fight. Helen dearest wife of Peter. "H" your love and courage will always be with us. Service, Bury Parish Church on Friday December 4th at 2.30pm followed by interment. All flowers and enquiries please to F.A.Holland & Son, Terminus Road, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel. Littlehampton 713939.

RALPHS - On November 29th in an accident, Peter O.B.E. Chief Probation officer of Kent, aged 62. A much loved husband, father and brother. Funeral service at West Malling Parish Church, on Friday, December 4th, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to 'Water Aid, Queen's Anne gate, London SW1

RANDALL-HARRIS - On November 27th after a short illness, peacefully in hospital, Miss G.A. Esme Randall-Harris of Queen Bertha's School. Life long friend and partner of the late Catherine Hunt. Funeral service at St Thomas' Church, Minnis Bay, Friday December 4th, at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Margate. Flowers to W.S. Cole & Son, Monkton, Ramsgate.

ROWBOTHAM - On November 28th 1987, peacefully at Dunedin Hospital, Reading, Christopher Stephen, beloved husband and companion of Virginia (née Tyne) dear father of Caroline and Jane, father-in-law of Peter and Michael, grandfather of Richard and Victoria. Sarah and Christopher. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church, Sonning-on-Thames on Friday December 4th at 11.15 am followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to R.N.I., c/o of Lovegrove Funeral Directors, Trinity House, Oxford Rd, Reading.

TITMUSS - On November 29th, peacefully in her sleep at home in her 85th year. Kathleen Caston (Kay) Titmuss. Much loved widow of Richard, mother of Ann and grandmother of Adam, Emily and Laura. Private cremation on December 4th. Flowers to, 32 Twyford Avenue, London W3. 'Dona Nobis Pacem'.

WARE - On November 29th, peacefully after a short illness, in Oxford, Brigadier Richard Fenwick Ware, M.C. late of The Durham Light Infantry, aged 88, husband of Evereld. Funeral at St. Margarets Church, Oxford, on Friday December 4th at 2.00 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St.Margaret's Church appeal, 12 Frenchay Road, Oxford.

WATSON - On November 30th, 1987, very peacefully, Dr. Kenneth Watson, aged 83. A dearly loved husband, father, step-father and grandfather. Private Family funeral. Thanksgiving Service to be arranged later. No flowers please, but donations, if wished, for the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

WHISTON - On November 28th, 1987, in hospital in England, Tom, formally of Nairobi, Kenya 1955-70. (Born Thomas Joseph in Dun Laoghaire, Eire), aged 85. Requiescat in pace.

WOLSEY - On Monday November 30th, William of North Gate, St John's Wood, peacefully aged 89 years.

YOUNG - On November 28th 1987, peacefully after a long illness, Stanley Wallace Ingwersen, much loved husband of Dorothy and a treasured father and grandfather. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium on Monday December 7th at 11.30 am. Simple flowers to H. D Tribe Ltd. 130 Broadwater Road, tel. Worthing 34516 or donations if desired to St Barnabas Home, Columbia Drive, Worthing BN13 2QF.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

EVANS - The Memorial Service for Dr John Stephen Evans, of Eltham and Halstead, will take place at Christ Church, High Street, Eltham, SE9 on December 5th at 12.45.

O'BRIEN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Owen O'Brien will be held at the Church of St. Bride, Fleet Street, on December 3rd 1987, at 12pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

LAW - Christine Maude (née Wetherell), December 2nd 1950 to October 31st 1976. In loving memory.

Memorial services

Captain B. Thorpe

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Captain Bernard Thorpe was held yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Father Vincent Hawe, SJ, officiated. Mr Richard Malin Thorpe, son, read the first lesson and gave an address. Mr John S. Lavender read the second lesson and Father John Knowles, OSM, read *Prayers of St Francis*. Canon Norman Mantle also gave an address and Father Paul Knowles, OSM, led the prayers and pronounced the blessing. Among those present were:

Mrs Thorpe (widow), Mrs Richard Thorpe (daughter-in-law), Mr Malin Thorpe (grandson), Mr V E Price (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Joel Thorpe, Mr Roy Thorpe, Mr Tony Thorpe, Mr and Mrs Robert Pass.

Mr Michael Haydon, Mr Brian Read and Mr Michael Stonehouse (senior partners, Bernard Thorpe and Partners) with Mr Martin Cowburn (Bernard Thorpe and Partners, Manchester), Mr C Clark and Mr E W Irving (Bernard Thorpe and Partners, Newcastle) and Mr Richard Wodzinski (Bernard Thorpe and Partners, Edinburgh).

Lady Prichard-Jones, Sir Kirby Laing (Master, Paviors' Company) and Lady Laing, Mr Owen Aisher, Mr James Shaw (president, Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers) with Mr Michael Assbury (secretary) and Mr John Phillips (representing past presidents), Colonel A F F Young (Redlands), Mr Alan Reid (Peat Marwick McLintock), Mr T W Taylor (honorary secretary, Society of Friends of St George's, Windsor Castle), Mr David Phillips (National Westminster Bank, Regent Street), Mr Ken Fleetwood (design director, Hardy Amies) with Miss Rita Traggis, Mr and Mrs Harry Hyams, Mr Donald Norman, Mr Peter Collins, Mrs Michael Stonehouse, Mr Joe Hyam, Mrs E Clark, Mrs E W Irving, Mr Geoffrey Edwards, Mr S Mayo-Harrison and Mr and Mrs M J Edwards.

The Hon Mrs Piers St Aubyn

A service of thanksgiving for the life of the Hon Mrs Piers St Aubyn was held yesterday at St Mary's, Barcombe, near Lewes, Sussex. The Rev Timothy Fletcher officiated and gave an address. Mr James St Aubyn, son, read the lesson.

Mr M. Hacard

The American Ambassador was represented by Mrs Charles Price, II, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Max Harari held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Philip Harari, son, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Mr Mark Birley gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Harari (widow), Mr and Mrs Andrew Gmai (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Philip Harari (daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs A Fight and Mr Andrew Knight (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Harry Theodoracopulos, Mrs Bruce Bastey, Mrs Dom McKinney and Miss Shona McKinney (step-grandchildren), Miss Caroline Sturdy (sister-in-law), Dr and Mrs Michael Harari, Mr and Mrs Paul Rolo, Mr Hugh Rolo, Miss Jane Rolo, Mr and Mrs Andrew Rolo, Mr and Mrs C F Rolo.

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Receptions

Sandford St Martin Trust

The Sandford St Martin (Church of England) Trust gave a reception yesterday at Lambeth Palace, by permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Runcie, to mark the presentation by the Right Rev Dr John V. Taylor of the trust's fourth series of Religious Television Awards. The Bishop of Blackburn, chairman of the trust, presided and Sir Brian Young, chairman of the panel of judges, read the citations. Central Television and Yorkshire Television were the joint winners of the premier award.

National Association of Local Councils

Lord Feversham, President of the National Association of Local Councils, was host at a reception held yesterday evening at the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry for members of HM Government, Members of Parliament and representatives of financial organizations and local government.

Birthdays today

Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, 74; Sir Frederic Bennett, former, MP, 69; the Hon Nigel Calder, science writer, 56; Professor Alan H. Cook, master, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 65; Sir Frank Cooper, civil servant and company chairman, 65; Sir David Davies, former chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 78; Sir Walter Edmenson, shipowner, 95; Mr Ian Finlay, former director, Royal Scottish Museum, 81; Sir Paul Grey, diplomat, 79; General Alexander Haig, former Secretary of State, United States, 63; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, 54; Mr Anthony Huxley, author, 67; Sir George Labouchere, diplomat, 82; Dame Winifred Prentice, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 77; Sir Evelyn Russell, former chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 75.

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THE ARTS

Taught to win

In the 1940s and '50s, a popular television show taught America to regard brainy children as cute. In place of the pebble-bespectacled introverts of comic-book lore, *Quiz Kids* presented healthy Norman Rockwell types - among them a pig-tailed blonde who was an absolute whizz at chemistry and Shakespeare.

The third outing of *Hot House People* (Channel 4)

TELEVISION

showed this former Einstein-Lolita today as she convened a reunion of her sometime fellow panellists. Conspicuous by his absence was one James Watson, the co-discoverer of the structure of DNA and the only Quiz Kid to have won a Nobel prize - that glorious beacon on the horizon of American education. Their hostess herself, having published her first book at the age of 12, married a lawyer and raised a family.

Jane Walmsley's engaging if bitty programme also reported on high-pressure teaching in a publicly-funded, multiracial school in New York, where pupils must be forcibly prevented from doing too much homework. The principal stressed that she was looking for "an infant Mozart or Beethoven on 126th Street". This might be thought a timely sop to the *culturati:* the purpose of such schooling is patently to discover infant warriors for the economic and scientific battles of the future.

Meanwhile, down in Camden, Alabama, black 18-year-olds struggle with elementary reading while their white counterparts in a racially pure "academy" daily recite their creed of constitutionally enshrined equality. *First Tuesday* (YTV) gave a depressing account of unofficial apartheid in this impoverished town, whose response to the anti-segregation laws was to close the local cinema and cafe rather than share them with the descendants of slaves.

There were no fire-breathing racists on view, presumably because there is no need for them: the business of inequality continues as usual.

Martin Cropper

Coming up to Rosie

Sheridan Morley asks Frances Barber about *Twelfth Night* and her forthcoming film

The Victorian-Christmas *Twelfth Night* which Kenneth Branagh brings to the Riverside Studios on Thursday reunites him with Frances Barber, who plays Viola under his direction. Four years ago they were Laertes and Ophelia to the RSC *Hamlet* of Roger Rees, and it was then, as she recalls, that Branagh began talking about forming a company of his own!

"I don't think any of us believed he would do it so fast – he was still in his early twenties. But here we are, and I'm back to Shakespeare again, though I have to say I do miss those luxurious RSC eight-week rehearsal periods. All the same, I did get very suspicious at Stratford of large organizations in which the productions were always dominated by directors and designers, and I rather like having an actor back in charge.

"Kenneth's idea is to make plays with people, rather than starting out from a preconceived academic notion of the text and then having the actors fit in: we've got Anton Lesser as an unusually pivotal Feste and Richard Briers doing a marvellously comic Malvolio. I'm still in some rehearsal trouble with Viola, because it's such a tricky part; she's the only really moral figure, and you have to hit a balance between the comedy and some very bleak moments".

Since leaving the RSC, where she was also a notable *Camille* and a reluctant Jacquenetta in a *Love's Labour's Lost*, from which she withdrew before the Barbican transfer, Frances Barber has been to Leicester for a rare *Summer and Smoke*. But most of her time over the last two years has been spent filming, first as Joe Orton's sister in *Prick Up Your Ears* and then as Rosie in Hanif Kureishi's *Sammy and Rosie Get Laid*, which opens here in January after a single London Film Festival screening:

"It's directed by Stephen Frears who made Hanif's *My Beautiful Laundrette*, and again it's about the Pakistani community in London, set this time in Brixton and a hippy commune under the Westway. But like all of Hanif's work it's really about how the English live, though I'm not sure why it has caused such furore in America. Mainly the title, I think: newspapers there refused to print the last two words and even on television reviewers wouldn't actually mention the whole title. In fact there's less sex in the film that you'd get in the middle of an average night on Channel 4."

Thirty, unmarried, living alone in Camden, the fourth of six children from a Wolverhampton bookmaking family and a graduate of the drama department of Bangor in North Wales, Miss Barber reckons *Sammy and Rosie* is the film most likely to move her career onto a new level:

"I panicked about unemployment when I first left the RSC, and I'm still very uncertain about what kind of talent I've got. I begin thinking how much funnier Kenneth would be if he played Viola in drag, but he knows enough not to keep showing me how to do it. That's the joy of having an actor in charge of the rehearsals.

"He does remain totally in command. People think that because we're a company run by an actor we must be a democracy like Joint Stock, but in fact Kenneth is the leader; he's the one who pays us all our £150 a week and who raised the £60,000 for the production from a friendly stockbroker, so it's very much his company, working on pure Thatcherite self-help lines.

"He's been very clever in not taking money from anybody who would want a say in policy, or to have the actors wearing brand names on their sweatshirts like footballers, and he's also stayed away from the Arts Council so they can't tell him what sort of plays he should be doing. But it's still very precarious without a subsidy".

● There is a Royal Charity Gala preview of *Twelfth Night* tonight, attended by the Prince of Wales, patron of the Renaissance Theatre Company, in aid of the Five Towns Hospices Appeal.



Frances Barber: a "really moral figure" as Viola in *Twelfth Night*



Joan Allen, John Malkovich: perfect partners in *Burn This*

Mature in Manhattan

THEATRE

Burn This
Plymouth Theatre, New York

In his first new play in five years, Lanford Wilson shows the mystery of love unfolding, and demonstrates that the oft-raised question of "What do they see in each other?" is irrelevant. *Burn This*, Broadway's first hit play this season, is sparklingly funny, unusually perceptive, and superbly acted and staged.

The story is deceptively simple. Anna (Joan Allen) and Larry (Lou Liberatore) live in a Manhattan loft, a triumphant design of arched windows and skylight by John Lee Beatty, lit with characteristic subtlety by Dennis Parichy. Larry is a gay advertising copywriter, Anna is a dancer turning choreographer, ambivalent about her wealthy, amiable boyfriend (Jonathan Hogan). They mourn the death of Anna and Larry's roommate, a gay dancer, in the first scene — a leisurely exposition which proves to be like the climb of a roller coaster to its first high peak.

In the next scene the dancer's older brother Pale (John Malkovich) detonates upon the setting to retrieve his brother's effects. He picks up Anna instead, and in the five remaining scenes love zigzags its way. Wilson takes the myth of the damsel rescued from the monster by a prince and sends it spinning.

Anyone who demands that love be rational and the heart knows its reasons will be perplexed, perhaps even piqued by Pale and Anna's story. *Burn This* is a mature romance about immature adults, sometimes too close to truth to be comfortable.

The dialogue is so scatological that it rivals David Mamet's, and is often hilarious. Pale's entrance is a long tirade about finding a parking place which ends with: "This has made me not as, you know, whatever I usually am."

Anna comments: "You have completely mastered half the art of conversation."

John Malkovich, in shoulder-length black hair which his character comments "looks like a rat got custody" is like a quivering minefield. Along with the sense of danger, he brings a mastery of deadpan comic timing to Pale. He is perfectly partnered by Joan Allen, whose distinction as an actress is a still, deep centre from which emotion radiates.

Malkovich and Allen's tender love scenes are wonderfully supported by Jonathan Hogan as the losing price and Lou Liberatore, a young comic find as the wisecracking roommate.

Director Marshall W. Mason's presence is felt in the seamless surety of the action. Lanford Wilson is now in his fifties — the decade of decline for most American playwrights — but proves with *Burn This* that he is not burning out.

Holly Hill

Earthy revival

OPERA

L'Ormindo
Guildhall School

Cavalli's *L'Ormindo*, that 17th century masterpiece of sexual intrigue, cuckolding and disguise in the kingdom of Fez, is still often regarded as a piece of exquisite boredom. Glyndebourne, in their 1967 production, proved it doesn't have to be so; and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama have been offering a timely reminder of the fact, though by rather different ways.

In a handsome black classical set, lit only by kaleidoscopic Moroccan costumes and the judicious use of white light and dry ice, all three acts, divinities, muses and all, are presented with a robust sense of style. The edition is Kenneth Montgomery's, first used for Netherlands Opera in 1982; the austerity of its five-part single string texture and basic harpsichord continuo deprives it of many of the sensuous pleasures of Raymond Leppard's version, but gives it an earthy, at times wry quality by no means inappropriate to this essentially cynical tragi-comedy.

Ivor Bolton, conducting, and Patrick Libby, directing, have just the measure of this ambivalence. Scene changes slide deftly from divine epiphanies on a starry roof top, to frolicking on Liberty-oriental cushions; and the music nurtures those transformations with both energy and subtlety.

There are times when the harpsichord is relentlessly loud and over-rationalized vocal cadence endings lack grace, but these are quibbles.

Michael Forest, as the Prince Ormindo himself, is landed with a part originally meant for a castrato, and is more than valiant in tackling such unremittingly testing high tenor writing. Peter Snipp is *not* a castrato: as the rival Prince Amida, his gentler, more lyrical tenor is a voice to watch. Erisbe, whom they both woo, is given a radiant performance by Deborah Hawksley; and I also much enjoyed Timothy Robinson's witty nurse, Erice, and Gunvor Nilsson's mellow mezzo Mirinda.

Hilary Finch

Simple but still clever

A Simple Man
Palace, Manchester

DANCE

Northern Ballet Theatre's evocation of the life and paintings of L.S.Lowry, *A Simple Man*, shown on BBC 2 last month and given its live première at the Palace, Manchester, last night, transfers remarkably well from screen to stage.

The chief triumph is that of Tim Goodchild, the designer, whose costumes make the dancers look as though they could have been the people Lowry saw in the streets and took for his subjects.

He has also, with projections and drop-cloths, found a clever theatrical equivalent for the way the television production dissolved every so often into one of Lowry's painted scenes.

Carl Davis's music provides an atmospheric accompaniment. The weak link is Gillian Lynne's choreography. Its bland triteness was an asset on screen, allowing the camera to concentrate on trick effects, but not on stage.

O for even a touch of the vivid mixture of comedy and desolation that Janet Smith achieved in her Lowry ballet *Another Man Drowning*.

On the other hand, the stage version has one great advantage in that Christopher Gable's delicately shambling, touching portrait of the artist is now set off by a masterly account of his mother from Lynn Seymour.

In contrast to the genteel bitch played by Moira Shearer on television, Seymour offers a far richer, more subtle portrait, presumably drawn from her own experience of talent spurned and neglected.

This programme holds another première embodying two more painters. *Mémoire Imaginaire* is a double duet in which Northern's new leading woman, Mireille Bourgeois, plays Berthe Morisot with Duncan de Grouchy and Didier Gettliffe successively representing Manet in two possible interpretations of their relationship.

Philip Feeney's music is a curious mixture of Prokofiev and *bal musette*; Michael Pink's choreography is heartfelt but conventional; Bourgeois's dancing makes it all work.

The Petipa *Aurora's Wedding* and Amedeo Amodio's attractive treatment of Stravinsky's *Suite Italienne* complete the programme.

John Percival

Dreams or plans

Dreams of San Francisco
The Bush

"To some I'm a wife, a trouble, a strife, stuck with a secondhand name", sings pretty Polly (Sarah Winman) in a pink corset. She is rehearsing a song from *Her Story*, a travelling feminist musical being performed by a group of five women in a northern arts centre.

We don't see much of the show, in fact only a wickedly funny extract from the opening chorus; Jacqueline Holborough's play is set before and after the (disastrous) performance.

It is much more concerned with character than with ideas, and has very little to do with San Francisco. Noone could accuse the author of being too earnest, but the play boasts two splendid comic creations.

We first meet Susan reciting a litany of self-satisfaction ("everything good is coming to me in the fullness of time") in a tone of terminal scepticism. Approaching 30 as if it were the end of the road, she sees herself "gliding into twilight as the caring daughter". Caroline Holdaway conveys beautifully the Barbara Pym-like mixture of incurable genteel defeatism and sly self-mocking humour. Her opposite is Caroline, a personification of 1970s radical feminism.

Joanna Monro's performance is positively Falstaffian in its exuberance and vitality. Caroline likes liberating things, mainly from shops.

The best scenes involve these two, though Caroline's ideological opponent is the group's organizer Alex (rather one dimensional in Jenny Lecoat's performance), the true product of 1980s pragmatism. She has plans, Caroline only has dreams.

One casualty of these plans is Boney, the group's young, stray stage assistant (hauntingly played by Dawn Archibald). But the final scene, of glitzy desolation, suggests that another victim may be Alex herself. You need plans *and* dreams.

Harry Eyres



Pretty Polly in a pink corset: Sarah Winman at the Bush

The Diary of One who Disappeared/ Savitri
St David's Hall, Cardiff

These are not welcoming times for a company performing music theatre, but the Cardiff New Opera Group, led by their producer Michael McCarthy, have a way of making poverty work as elegant dramatic restraint. For their new Janacek-Holst double bill, given as part of the Cardiff Festival, the means are minimal. The decor for *The Diary of One who Disappeared* is simply a row of dark bands of cloth let down to the stage as stylized forest shadows. The tenor and the pianist are presented as if for a recital; the mezzo too is formally dressed, while a dancer on a stage behind offers a more dramatic image of the gypsy.

Then in *Savitri* the acting area is merely a square of white cloth on which the faithful wife, in similarly white Indian costume, waits and sings. But there is happily no pretence of a unified orientalism: the husband is a westerner, and Death a vigorous figure in the black vest and grey trousers of a street commando. Altogether they create a dramatic world of their own, one of an economy and pregnant stillness evoking a flavour of Noh. It was also an excellent idea to have the little orchestra and chorus placed behind the singers, making the music more an emanation from the action than an accompaniment.

But the pity of it was that both these intimate productions were given in a large concert hall, a venue not justified, sadly, by the size of the audience.

Nevertheless, Jennifer Rhys-Davies succeeded in projecting much of Savitri's sweetness and purity intact, with a fine-tuned clarity. Timothy German was a likeable Satyavan, and Richard Morris's raw baritone chanting was effective for Death. Michael Rafferty conducted a fluent performance. In the Janacek, John Mitchinson sang bravely and Michael Pollock gave the piano music an unusual soft, nostalgic touch. Marion McCullough slipped in warmly as the mezzo, and Jessica Cohen danced a spiritualized gypsy.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

After the Pineapple split

Debbie Moore's company went public five years ago in a blaze of publicity. Now she goes public to Victoria McKee with the inside story of why she has decided to dance to a different tune

Debbie Moore wants to set the record straight. Whatever you may have read over the past few days she is *not* abandoning her beloved Pineapple Dance Studios or trying to wriggle out of the clingy clothing empire she has constructed on stretch Lycra foundations.

The split in the company does *not* reflect a rift between Pineapple's founder and her live-in lover, the group's chairman Peter Bain — any more than her marriage to Norris Masters broke up because of the business. On these points the fashion model turned fitness tycoon is adamant.

And she most emphatically did *not* wear a leotard on the floor of the Stock Exchange when Pineapple went public five years ago, although it has now passed into legend that she did. "I was wearing a mini skirt and thick tights," Moore says indignantly.

She is still fond of mini skirts. "The legs have held out well," she says, "and whenever there's a chance to wear a short skirt, I do."

The usually slack Pineapple Studio in New York's arty SoHo district was suddenly as busy as Euston Station, Moore says, when her decision to sell the place for $2.7 million and pull Pineapple out of the Big Apple was announced at the weekend.

A fit and flirtatious 40 in her mini skirt, ballerina wrap top and peplum jacket (all her own designs for the Pineapple range) she was neatly fielding Press enquiries from curious foreign correspondents. The US media, apparently, could not care less, but regulars such as Bianca Jagger, Madonna and Cher may miss their favourite exercise gear, she suggests.

"It soon became obvious," Moore says somewhat wearily, as if she's rehearsed the statement many times, "that it was difficult to deliver the sort of money the City wanted out of dance, so we decided that I should privatize and concentrate on the fashion and fitness side, where my heart lies, and resign as chairman of the group. I'll become chairman of Pineapple Ltd and Peter will be chairman of the new international marketing organization — whatever we decide to call it: Apple's already been taken, and 'Pine' sounds too much like a bathroom freshener.

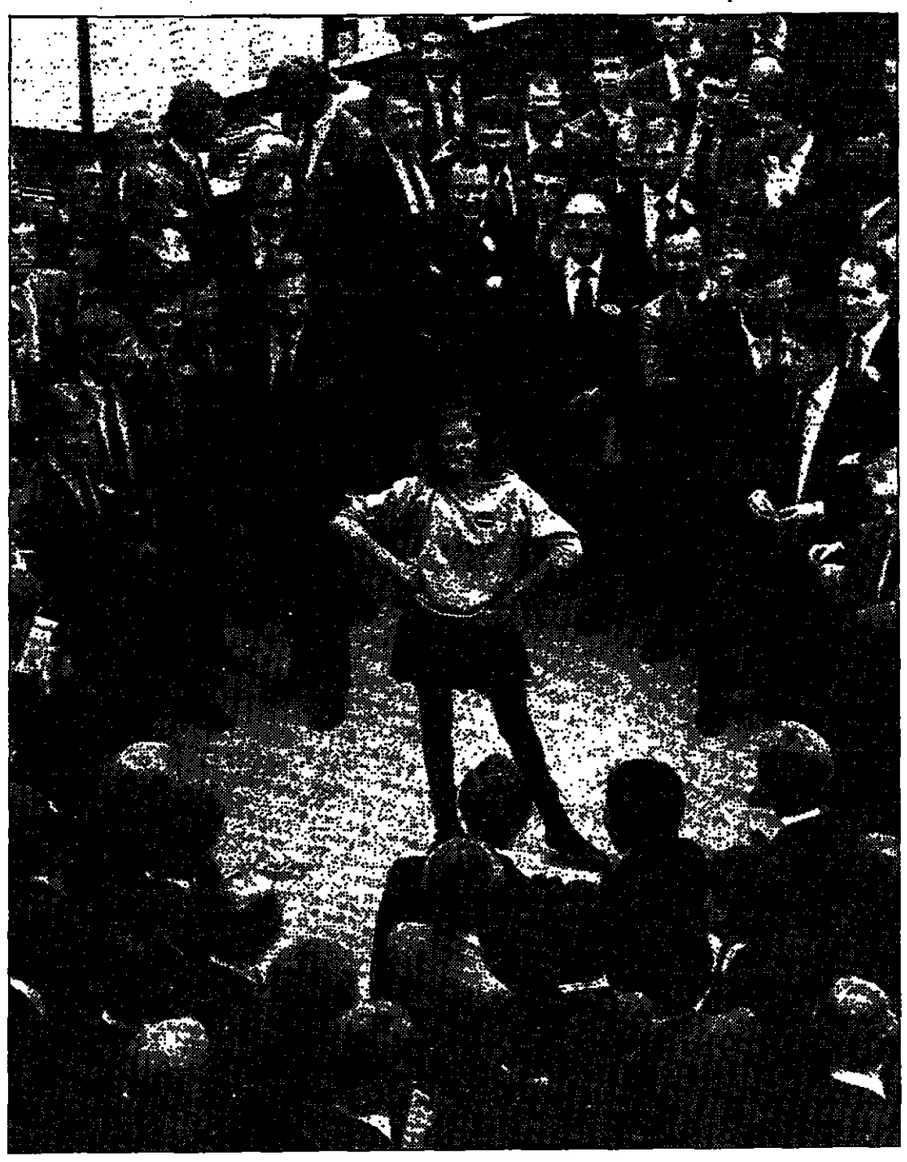
"Some of the papers seem to think I've been ditched, and that Peter Bain will become the new chairman of the entire Pineapple empire, but they've got it wrong," she says. She is keeping a 7 per cent interest in the holding company, valued at £12 million, just to make sure.

But even her close friends, she concedes, reacted to the news by assuming she was breaking up with Bain — who shares her house in Notting Hill as well as the Pineapple boardroom. Phrases such as "a totally amicable parting of the ways" only fan the fires of suspicion.

"What is happening," she says, "is that Pineapple's going private. I'm simply buying out the core business for a nominal sum, so that I can develop the fashion side of the business and continue to run the studios in London."

'I did not wear a leotard to the Stock Exchange... I wore a mini skirt and thick tights'

The amount of money which investors might hope to expect, even from an unworldly dance company which charges only £20 a year, or $50, for membership and £2 a class, was hard to come by. "The prices could be part of the problem," Moore admits, "but I wanted them to be accessible." (She has never, ever taught at Pineapple: "That's another myth.")



Farewell to all that: Debbie Moore and the Stock Exchange bulls and bears when Pineapple went public

The dance studios were holding back and hampering the profitable marketing side of the business which Bain was developing. The early burn-out of the aerobics craze and the stockmarket crash have added to Pineapple's financial troubles, but the Covent Garden studio still plays host to the casts of West End musicals and is fairly well used. Shares were once 118p but are now in the mid 70s, and there were losses of £124,000 from the Pineapple "core" last year.

"So we decided to take the acquisitions route to survival," Moore says. Pineapple gobbled up six marketing companies in less than a year, from Golden Key and Key Market Holidays, Premium Pen and Regent Leather in London to Infinite Image and Book Marketing Services in New York.

This was a route that Bain had previously followed successfully with the Hawley group which divested itself of Pineapple, Lotus Cars and Miss World, according to Moore, for similar motives.

"It wanted to become more credible in the community", is how she puts it. "And the City will be more comfortable with what Peter and I are doing now. The City gets nervous if two people living together run a company. They get less nervous if you're married, for some reason. I don't know why."

The City also got nervous when her husband left, and Pineapple shares plummetted: a crisis of confidence Moore hates to be reminded of. She gets angry at the way she is represented as a vapid former model whose fruity Pineapple concept only worked because of the financial wizardry of her ex-husband, Masters, and which was saved, after their messy divorce, by Bain.

"Norris was not a co-founder of Pineapple — let's get that straight," she says hotly. "*They* want to think *that*, because in the City they don't think a woman can do anything by herself. Actually he wasn't even that keen on me starting Pineapple."

Professional fortunes often mirror personal ones, she agrees. Their daughter Lara was terribly ill for a year and that knocked the guts out of the business more than any marital troubles. A tumour on the spine was suspected, and although one was never discovered, after the operation her daughter was temporarily paralysed.

"I was distracted for a year, during which time a lot of other people set up in similar businesses and it was a very hard slog to fight back." For both Pineapple and Lara. "It's a miracle", Moore still feels whenever she catches sight of her daughter now, playing like any other child. Her whole demeanour lights up and softens whenever she speaks of Lara.

The two are fast friends and share not only the same taste in clothes but the clothes themselves: the stretch Lycra Bardot tops and body-hugging dresses designed for Pineapple, naturally. Lara wants to be an actress or a film star, and already shows considerable aptitude, her doting mother enthuses.

Despite the confusing financial entanglements of her previous partnership, which took ages to extricate herself from in a bitter and protracted divorce, Moore still believes in mixing business with pleasure.

"I work well with the man in my life," she says, "and I think you do if it's an *intense* sort of career. I think it's better if you can travel together and entertain together: after all, there are only so many nights in the week."

She cites the examples of other female tycoons following similar patterns successfully: "Sophie [Mirman of the Sock Shop] and Anita [Roddick of The Body Shop].

"As soon as I said Pineapple was privatizing, people said 'Oh, are you breaking up with Peter?'. But Trisha Guild of Designers' Guild continued to work with her husband after they divorced."

Could she continue to work with Bain if they did not live together — or vice versa? "That's not something I think about," she says. "We get on well."

"Survival of the Fittest" is the logo stitched into the Pineapple sweatshirts and tracksuits this year. "It's apt, don't you think?" Moore enquires sweetly. She makes it clear that she is prepared to get a lot leaner and meaner if that's what it takes to stop Pineapple being squeezed out.

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BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Wired for sound

What is claimed to be the most advanced baby listening device to date takes advantage of the latest technology to allow parents freedom from hovering at the nursery door. It uses an FM transmitter/receiver which operates within a 100 metre (110 yard) radius. The Safe and Sound Baby Monitor will be available shortly from leading retailers, price £39.

Sniff of home

The fastest-growing section of the perfume market is "environmental fragrances". This week Harrods' launched master florist Ken Turner's sophisticated new Four Seasons range of scented candles, pot pourris, essences and bath goodies. They join the Signature fragrance, which party-goers may have encountered wafting on the breeze at up-market events. Prices range from £8-£39.95.

Make it up

Although some women persist in hitting the pillow without removing so much as their mascara, Lancôme expects many others slavishly to follow the two facial auto-massage routines currently being taught in its brand new Diagnostique department at Harrods. You can not only have your skin analysed by a computer in a private beauty room, but pick up techniques to relax you pre-bedtime or perk you up pre-breakfast as you smooth in the face creams. (Slow learners can take away a video of the massages, which were developed by Lancôme's Paris laboratories).

Video nice

American women countering the stress of juggling home, family, career, and social life have a new form of escapism: mood video. One can contemplate the meaning of life while watching a pile of logs crackling comfortingly on-screen (with accompanying incense). Or viewers can pick epics chronicling sunrise or sunset. And the more energetic can sit astride a stationary bike while enjoying a 51-minute recording of a cycle ride down a New Hampshire roadway in early fall. What's the point in living dangerously when you can live vicariously?

Josephine Fairley

Nostalgia ain't where it used to be

FIRST PERSON

Victoria Glendinning

Never go back, they say. That's *quite* wrong, like most advice. I went back this year to Ampurias in Spain, where with my husband and four children I spent six weeks of every summer from the mid-1960s until the early 70s. It was 13 years since I had been there. The children have grown up, and the husband is a different one.

I went alone. This was part of the experiment. Like lots of people who married young and had children straight away, I had never been alone for longer than a few hours at a time in my whole life. This made the adventure even more interesting, and hazardous. I risked multiple onslaughts of nostalgia, disillusion and loneliness.

But you can't feel nostalgic in a place that is still there for you — the sapphire sea, the bright deep green of the crazily slanting umbrella pines, the scents of resin and oleanders, "our" base-camp rock on the beach, even the mosquitoes and horseflies, remote descendents of the ones that tormented us long ago.

The only painful difference was that none of the sun-flanned children busy on the beach, their salty, sandy hair

Paul Leith



in wet rings on the napes of their necks, was mine. Looking at them, I was in a time-warp — which was silly, because 13 years means absolutely nothing in Ampurias. Just behind the beach lie the ruins of a Greek city, and beside them the crumbled walls and columns of Roman Ampurias — emporium — the first trading-post of the empire in the Iberian world. The massive Roman wall that protected the harbour dominates the beach as it has for 2,000 years.

What is it like, being on holiday alone? Some people have no option, or are solitary by nature. I don't have anything to teach these experts. But there are others, who lead cluttered lives and long for a bit of solitude, in the sun, yet do nothing about it from vague feelings of timidity and shame.

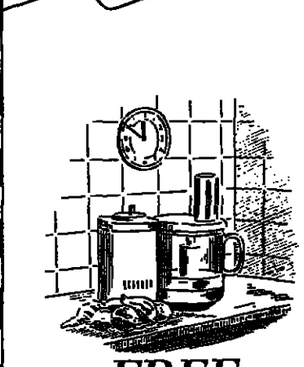
Middle age is the time to begin, especially for women. You're not so young that men pester you — or not much, and you are better able to deal with it. Waiters and taxi-drivers treat you with tender concern. Men shackled to un-mysterious wives stare wistfully at you in cafés.

I spoke to almost no one, which was the most restful thing of all. I would have, if I'd wanted to; but unless your biological clock is doing double summertime, relatively few men, surveyed at leisure from behind dark glasses, are seriously desirable.

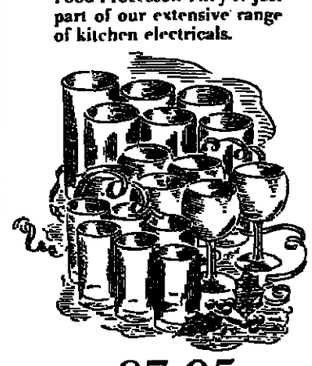
I've sometimes blamed other people for wasting my time. Never again. I learned, padding barefoot around my cool, borrowed house, that a certain amount of time is there just to be wasted. I did none of the work I had taken with me. My mind wandered. I did not cook, but I ate — tomato salad, bread, cheese, chorizo; a real meal means a cooked meal?

I had only one insight, and that was the fairly obvious one that most discontent comes from two related ills: the ugly sisters Guilt and Grievance. I was determined never to entertain either of them.

I may not keep this up. But the lost past is reclaimed and a lost paradise regained. I'll go away alone again, but not to Ampurias, it's too good not to share. Besides, I need someone to draw recalcitrant corks. I need someone to oil my back.

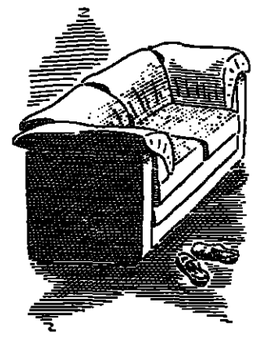


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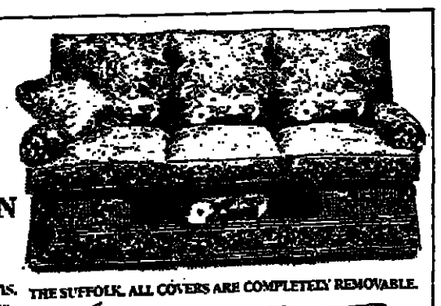


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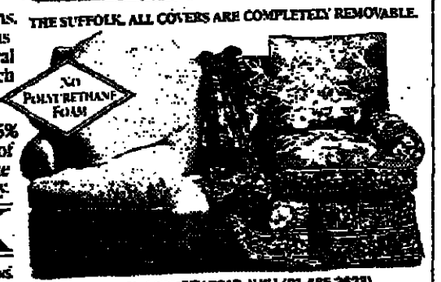
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☆ **J J FARR:** Albert Finney and Bob Peck in new Ronald Harwood drama about a priest emerging from five months captivity as a hostage.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 8-10.10pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.10pm. £4-£12.50.

☆ **LYLE:** World première of musical by Charles Strouse (composer of *Annie*) about a New York family who adopt the croc they find in their bath.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30pm, £5-£8.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **PETER PAN:** Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and Lulu flying us off to Never-Never-Land.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £6.50-£14.50, (half-price for children until Dec 23).

☆ **PRIVATE MEMBERS:** The two Go-Go Boys have a go at sex scandals in parliamentary places.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, E1 (01-790 4000). Tube: Stepney Green. Mon-Sat 8-10pm. £3.50.

☆ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** Richard Briers as Malvolio in Renaissance Theatre Company's first Shakespeare.
Riverside Studio, Crisp Road, W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3.30pm, £8.50-£10.50.

☆ **THE WAY TO GO HOME:** Political thriller set in Turkey where two Scottish tourists find themselves in deep trouble.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, £4-£6.

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OUT OF TOWN

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Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£5.50.

LEEDS: ☆ **A Chorus of Disapproval:** Alan Ayckbourn's adventures in the world of amateur operatics.
Playhouse Theatre, Calverley Street (0532 442111), Mon and Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Long To Rain Over Us:** Highly original comic drama set in a POW camp in wartime Leicestershire.
Haymarket Studio Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8.15pm, £3.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Loot:** Patrick Barlow and Bernard Gallagher in revival of Orton's inimitably heartless comedy.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 624 2829), Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £3.50-£6.90.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **The True Story of The Titanic:** Satiric comedy shows up the follies and arrogance behind the well-known shipwreck.
Crucible Studio Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Sat 7.45pm, £3.50.

FILMS

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☎ **Advance booking possible**

■ **ANGEL HEART (18):** Mickey Rourke's down-at-heel detective pursues a missing person to the voodoo underworld of New Orleans. Pulp stuff, directed by Alan Parker (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.25, 3.35, 6.05, 8.25.

■ **ARIA (18):** A mixed bag of directors put visuals to 10 operatic bon-bons from RCA's record catalogue. Directors include Jean-Luc Godard, Robert Altman, Nicolas Roeg, Ken Russell and Derek Jarman (90 min).
☎ **Lumière** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.05, 7.05, 9.10

BEST SELLER (18): Police thriller with a wobbly plot but impressive performances from Brian Dennehy (as the cop plagued by an unsolved case) and James Woods (a cold-blooded mystery man). Directed by John Flynn: (95 mm).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 7615). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.50.

BLISS (18): Bizarre Australian black comedy from 1985, about an advertising executive whose world crumbles after a heart attack. Based on Peter Carey's novel; directed by Ray Lawrence, with Barry Otto, Lynette Curran and Helen Jones (111 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments, with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.30, 8.30.

INNER SPACE (PG): Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.55, 3.10, 5.35, 8.10.

THE KITCHEN TOTO (15): Writer-director Harry Hook makes an impressive debut with this observant drama about a bewildered young servant during Kenya's fight for independence. With Bob Peck and Phyllis Logan (97 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.50, 5.25, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.35, 8.50.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 1.55, 4.05, 6.20, 8.30.

MAURICE (15): Set during the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 5.50, 9.00.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.35, 8.45.

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY (PG): Two soldiers, battered by the First World War, come to terms with their problems in a remote Yorkshire village. Directed by Pat O'Connor, with Colin Firth, Kenneth Branagh and Natasha Richardson (104 min).
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043). Progs 2.00, 3.40, 5.20, 7.10, 9.10.
☎ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.05, 9.05.

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 5.25, 8.50.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20.

■ **THE UNTOUCHABLES (15):** Eliot Ness's gangbusters go after Al Capone in Brian De Palma's entertaining drama, filled with bullets, blood and thoughtful dialogue. With Kevin Costner, Sean Connery, Robert De Niro (120 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **DITTMER/BLAIR:** With Christine Blair at the piano, Petronella Dittmer (violin and voice) performs Warlock's *The First Mercy*, Ireland's *The Holy Boy* and pieces by Schubert and Billy Mayerl.
St Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6045), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **RELIGIOUS MASTERS:** The South Bank "Maitres Religieux" organ series sweeps on with David Liddle playing Duruflé's Prelude and Fugue on "Alain," *Prelude, Choral varié on Veni creator* and then being joined by Westminster Cathedral Choir for Poulenc's Mass in G.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 5.55-6.55pm, £4.50.



Daniel Blau

Georg Kern, better known by his pseudonym Baselitz and seen above standing beside his 1986 wood sculpture called "Greetings From Oslo", refers constantly to his work processes as "acts of aggression". Whether in painting, printmaking or sculpture, he works hard to ensure that whatever he produces cannot be mistaken for anything coaventional. Since 1969, for example, every figure in his large, savagely executed paintings is upside-down. On account of Baselitz's belief in "not following the well-trodden path" his work is inevitably unconcerned with traditional values of composition, drawing, colour sense and touch. He is the high priest of what has become known as Bad Painting. Baselitz, who is 48, is originally an East German and was expelled from art college because of "socio-political immaturity". He came to the West before the Berlin Wall was built and has made a profession out of being an outsider, albeit an enormously successful one. His paintings can cost hundreds of thousands of pounds and he lives, among all the familiar trappings of superstar status, in a castle. An exhibition of Baselitz's early woodcuts, from his pre-upside-down phase, and more recent wood sculptures, which describe totemic figures and rough-hewn heads, is at Anthony d'Offay Gallery, 23 Dering Street, London W1 (01-499 4100), Monday to Friday, 10-5.30pm, Saturday 10-1pm, free, until January 16. *David Lee*

☆ **DOWER/LMP:** The London Mozart Players interpret assorted concertos by Corelli and Vivaldi, then James Dower solos in Pergolesi's G major Flute Concerto.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061). 7.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **NASH NOTES:** Boulez's *Memoriale* is a rather surprising inclusion in the Nash Ensemble's "Paris 1860-1930" series, but this programme continues with Roussel's Trio, Delage's *Quatre poèmes Hindous* and Ravel's *Poemes de Mallarmé* (Sarah Walker, mezzo-soprano).
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **MESSIAH:** Simon Preston conducts the Philharmonia Chorus, Orchestra and soloists in Handel's popular piece.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800) 7.30-10.25pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **KOTZIA CONCERT:** The guitarist Eleftheria Kotzia offers Mamagakis's Folk Dance Suite, Four Preludes by Pujol, Tippett's *The Blue Guitar* and much Villa-Lobos.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London, SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **ALL STRADIVARI:** Marking the 250th anniversary of the death of Antonio Stradivari and in aid of the Royal Academy of Music Appeal distinguished violinists too numerous to mention but all playing Stradivari instruments, solo in concertos by J S and C P E Bach, Haydn and Vivaldi with the ECO conducted by Sir Yehudi Menuhin.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London, EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). 7.34-9.45pm, £10-£25.

OPERA

☆ **HMS PINAFORE:** New Sadler's Wells Opera continue their tour of Christopher Renshaw's popular production.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square, Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30-10.20pm, £3.50-£11.

★ **RIGOLETTO:** Jonathan Miller's *mafioso* production back in fine form at English National Opera, with John Rawnsley in the title role, Arthur Davies as the Duke and Susan Bullock as Gilda. Paul Daniel conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

☆ **THE CUNNING LITTLE VIXEN:** Welsh National Opera's welcome revival of David Pountney's original Janacek production, not to be missed.
Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.15-10.15pm, £6.50-£20.

ROCK

☆ **INXS:** Standard-issue Australian rockers start tour to promote new album.
Newcastle City Hall, Northumberland Road (091 261 2606) 7.30pm, £5-£6.

☆ **DIO:** Ronnie James Dio is the ex-Rainbow heavy rock vocalist with a lyrical fixation about dreams and cod-mysticism in general. Support is Warlock, featuring the alluring Doro Pesch.
Forum, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 6pm, £8.

★ **ALISON MOYET:** Lately she has frittered away her unusually soulful voice on less-than-stunning material. Support is jazzy pop star in-the-making, Thomas Lang.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7pm, £10.50.

☆ **JOHNNY THUNDERS:** Wasted youth, ex-New York Doll and all-round Keith Richards fetishist. One of those feather-heads who look like they can slump over thin air.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-267 3334) 7.30pm, £5.50.

☆ **THE ICICLE WORKS:** Ian McNabb's melodic guitar trio from Liverpool remains a significantly under-rated group.
Bierkeller, All Saints Street, Bristol (0272 268514) 8pm £4-£4.50.

JAZZ

☆ **GARY BOYLE:** Not many guitarists have worked with Yamashta *and* Julie Driscoll. Tonight he is joined by Jim Mullen.
Old Vic Tavern, 22 Fletcher Gate, Nottingham (0602 585127). 7.30pm, £3.50.

☆ **PESHKAR:** The word means "to present one's work". Tabla player Zakir Hussain leads a group featuring the violinist Shankar and the guitarist Larry Coryell.
Warwick University Arts Centre, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry (0203 417417), 8pm, £4.50.

☆ **TIM RICHARDS:** Pianist with Spirit Level, he leads a quartet with the sax player Jerry Underwood.
Bass Clef, 35 Hoxton Square, London N1 (01-729 2476), 8.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **BETTY CARTER:** Her old boss, Lionel Hampton, dubbed her "Betty Be-bop". She remains a unique interpreter of lyrics.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

☆ **AL GREY:** First of four nights from the veteran trombonist, joined by the saxophonist Buddy Tate.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, £6.

DANCE

★ **A SIMPLE MAN:** Christopher Gable and Lynn Seymour star in Northern Ballet Theatre's stage première of Gillian Lynne's ballet about L S Lowry. Programme also includes *Aurora's Wedding*, and a new work with Mireille Bourgeois as the painter Berthe Morisot as seen by Manet.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922), mat 2-4.30pm, £2-£5.25, 7.30-10pm, £4-£10.50.

☆ **4D:** A new work by Viola Farber and others by the dancers are given in the debut performance of this new company of senior students at London Contemporary Dance School.
The Place Theatre, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

☆ **GISELLE:** Lesley Collier and Mark Silver star in Peter Wright's production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-9.30pm, £1-£30.

GALLERIES

EDNA AND FRIENDS: See caption.
Dress Circle Gallery, 57 Monmouth Street, London WC2 (01-240 2227). Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, free, until Jan 15.

ALISON NEVILLE: Sculpture and a selection of etchings depicting Brunelleschi's church of Santo Spirito in Florence.
Art Space Gallery, 84 St Peter's Street, London N1 (01-359 7002). Tues-Sat 2-7pm, free, until Jan 14.



Currently enjoying a sell-out run at the Strand Theatre, Barry Humphries (above) and his various aliases are also the subject of a photographic exhibition at the Dress Circle Gallery (see listing). John Timbers, the photographer, first "snapped" Barry for *Harpers* in 1975 and has since covered his many shows and trips. The exhibition comprises photographs from 1975 to the present day, including Dame Edna, Sir Les Patterson, Sandy Stone, Lance Boyle and, not least, Barry himself.

EIGHT BY EIGHT: Works which are no more than eight inches square by 75 artists including Prunella Clough and Paul Neagu.
Curwen Gallery, 4 Windmill Street, London W1 (01-636 1459), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm. Sat 10.30-1pm, free, until Dec 24.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL: Tiny landscapes by 50 artists including Adrian Berg and Thérèse Oulton.
Angela Flowers Gallery, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-637 3089). Mon-Fri 10.30-5pm, Sat 10.30-12.30pm, free, until Dec 24.

FRENCH 19TH AND 20TH CENTURY PAINTINGS: Works by, among others, Daubigny, Cézanne, Sisley and Renoir.
Stoppenbach & Delestre, 25 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 3534), Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Jan 16.

GWEN HARDIE: Paintings and drawings on themes of fertility and sexuality.
John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton (0703 559122), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until Dec 22.

PAULINE BEWICK: Colourful watercolours and tapestries, many featuring animals, made by a descendant of engraver Thomas Bewick.
Odette Gilbert Gallery, 5 Cork Street, London W1 (01-437 3175), Mon-Fri 9-6pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Dec 24.

ALDO ROSSI: Designs by a celebrated contemporary Italian architect.
City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York (0904 23839), Mon-Sat 9-5pm, Sun 2.30-5pm, free, until Jan 3.

LLOYD GIBSON: Mixed media works done since 1984 by a sculptor and assembler.
Bede Gallery, Springwell Park, Butchersbridge Road, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear (091 489 1807), Tues-Fri 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 10.

TALKS

MUSIC IN NORWAY: Illustrated talk by John Michael East on aspects of Norwegian music since Grieg and Delius.
The Delius Society, British Music Information Centre, 10 Stratford Place (*info:* 01-828 1072), 7pm, free.

MEDIEVAL GOSPEL BOOKS: Slide lecture to coincide with the publication of *Armenian Illuminated Gospel Books* by Dr V Neressian, curator of Eastern Collections in the British Library.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-323 7461), 2pm, free.

MAN AND NATURE: Professor F Holliday traces the relationship between man and nature from early times to the present day. In aid of the Durham Wildlife Appeal.
University of Durham, Sir James Knott Hall, Trevelyan College, Durham (091 374 2947), 7pm, £3.

AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGY: Lecture by Dr Anthony Joseph of the Birmingham and Midland Society for Genealogy and Heraldry.
Birmingham and Midland Institution, Margaret Street, Birmingham (021 236 3591), 7.15pm, free.

WALKS

LONDON'S HISTORIC DOCKLANDS AND THAMES: meet Tower Hill tube, 2.30pm, £2.75.

JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 11am, £2.25.

LEGAL LONDON – INSIDE THE LAW COURTS: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £2.25.

MICHAEL CAINE'S CITY: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £3.

JEWISH EAST END: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3.

2,000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

LE CORBUSIER CENTENARY SALE: To commemorate the birth of the legendary Swiss architect, planner and artist, 35 of his works will be sold including paintings, drawings, collages and sculpture made between the 1920s and the early 1960s.
Sotheby's, 34 & 35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080) 2.30pm.

"MESSIAH" FOR ALL: Fund-raising event for Dr Barnardo's in which concert-goers are invited to participate by joining the professional singers.
Fairfield Hall, Park Lane, Croydon (01-688 9291). Public rehearsal 6pm, performance 7.30pm. £4.50, under-18s £2.

BISHOP'S BOOK SIGNING: The "knitting" Bishop — Richard Rutt, Bishop of Leicester — will sign copies of his book "A History of Knitting". £1 to the Leicester Hospice for each copy sold.
Ries Wools of Holborn, 242-243 High Holborn, London WC1 (01-242 7721) 12.30pm.

EWAN FRASER: Exhibition and sale of work by a young photographer whose themes are the surreal and the large.
Special Photographers Company, 21 Kensington Park Road, London W11 (01-221 3489). Mon-Sat 10-6.30pm, free, until Dec 31.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUNDS IN TIME: Early Music Series concludes part one with four concerts in January including first British performance of Haydn's *L'Infedelta Delusa*. Martin Best Ensemble present a *Medieval Pilgrimage* in music and song. General booking now open.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

LOUIS KENTNER MEMORIAL CONCERT: Royal College of Music and Yehudi Menuhin School pay tribute to exponent of Liszt's piano works. Jan 25. General booking now open.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800, info 01-928 3002).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Christmas season of three programmes: David Bintley's *Snow Queen*; Ashton's *La Fille Mal Gardée*; world première of Graham Lustig work; and London première of Michael Corder's *Glonana*. Also new work by Czech, Pavel Smok, with members of his company. Jan 5-15.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916, cc 01-240 7200).

ENGLISH GOTHIC ART: *International symposiums on conservation, and English Gothic Art in European context, as part of Art of Chivalry exhibition on Plantagenet England.* Feb 18-20. £15 per day. Also forum on how to mount a show of over 700 items in variety of media. Dec 4. £20.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington Street, London W1 (01-734 9052).

LAST CHANCE

THE ART OF SUCCESS: Last performances of Nick Dear's production, with cast including Michael Kitchen as *William Hogarth*; Jonathon Moore and Susan Porrett. Tonight and tomorrow.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8191, 01-628 8795).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MEPHITIS
(c) A noxious emanation from the earth, such as poison gas from a swamp, from the same late Latin word.

ODONTERISM
(a) From the Greek.

DESIPIENT
(a) From Latin, e.g. Horace: *Dulce est desipere in loco*, it's fun to play the fool at the right time.

DOB
(a) From the very old game of Dibs or chucking knucklebones, picking them up separately; Four Dobs is the hardest throw.

DIDINE
(c) The dodo's proper name is *Didus ineptus*, or daft Dido.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	**Portrait of Mario Lanza**	Mario Lanza, Stylus
2	(2)	**Pavarotti Collection**	Luciano Pavarotti, Stylus
3	(5)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré/LSO, HMV
4	(4)	**Maria Callas Collection**	Maria Callas, Stylus
5	(3)	**The Collection**	Placido Domingo, Stylus/RCA
6	(–)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Paillairc, Conifer
7	(9)	**Duets From Famous Operas**	Various, CFP
8	(7)	**Portrait of Andres Segovia**	Andres Segovia, Stylus
9	(–)	**Holst: The Planets**	Rattle/PO, Eminence
10	(6)	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Virtuosi of England, CFP
11	(–)	**Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture**	Mackerras/LPO, CFP
12	(8)	**Strauss: Tales from Vienna**	Vienna Opera Orch, Conifer
13	(–)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Lloyd Webber/Menuhin/RP, Philips
14	(–)	**Dvorak: Symphony 9**	Richter/RDSO, Conifer
15	(12)	**Holst: The Planets**	Hallé, CFP
16	(–)	**Strauss: Waltzes**	Thompson/Hallé, CFP
17	(–)	**Chopin: Favourites**	Various, CFP
18	(–)	**Grieg: Peer Gynt Suite**	LPO, CFP
19	(15)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré/Barbirolli, HMV
20	(20)	**Maria Callas Sings Operatic Overtures**	Maria Callas, Eminence

Source: Music Week Research

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tom't 7.45 **STRAVINSKI GALA CONCERT, ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** Sir Yehudi Menuhin (cond).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA.** Tom't 7.30 **Rigoletto.** Tomor 7.30 **The Barber of Seville.**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/191 Sudby Info 836 6903. S CC. 68 amphi seats avail on the day. Tom't 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET Giselle.** Fri 7.30 **The Dream/Galaxiebirs/The Concert.** Ballet casting info: 01 240 9816.

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 Leon Errol in *I Can't Remember* (b/w). **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes *national and international* news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and *weather* at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**
8.40 Open Air. Pattie Coldwell receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. *To participate ring 061-814 0424.* **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). **9.20 Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 News and weather followed by **Going for Gold** (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School**, presented by Jane Hardy and Iain Lauchlan, and **Pinny's House** (r).
10.55 Five to Eleven. A reading by Michael Hordern **11.00** News and weather followed by **Open Air** with Bob Wellings and Pattie Coldwell.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live** includes a report on National Tree Week and Sophie Grigson with ideas for *exciting meals on a student grant.* Plus, Marsha Hunt. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Tom's date with Jean gets off to a calamitous start **1.50 Going for Gold.** European quiz series presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 Film: Bogie (1979) starring Kevin O'Connor. A made-for-television biography of *Humphrey Bogart. Directed by* Vincent Sherman.
3.50 Caterpillar Trail with Stuart Bradley **4.10 Laurel and Hardy.** Cartoon (r). **4.15 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince** (r). **4.35 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's series on better drawing. (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Aliens in the Family. Episode three and Dora seems to be the only one able to help the endangered Bond. (Ceefax)
5.35 Mastermind 87. Quiz game for teams presented by Angela Rippon.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. **Weather. 6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guest list includes actor Michael York and, with a song, comedian Ken Dodd.
7.35 The Clothes Show includes make-up advice and a menswear designer's first fashion show in Britain (r).
8.00 Dallas. This first of a new series finds Bobby at the hospital *bedside of his seriously injured* wife; Jenna with a new baby; Miss Ellie fussing over Clayton's heart condition; and J.R. mulling *over the demise of Ewing Oil.* (Ceefax)
8.50 Points of View with Anne Robinson.
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Debbie Thrower. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Visit: Coma. The second *of two programmes following the progress of an 11-year-old girl* who went into a coma after being run over by a car in Glasgow. (Ceefax).
10.20 Sportnight introduced by Steve Rider. **Boxing** from Wembley: Duke McKenzie v Juan Herrera and Horace Notice against Dean Walter. In addition, Tony Gubba reports on the medal chances of Britain's bobsleigh team in the Winter *Olympics in Canada.*
11.40 Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax 9.43 Daytime on Two: Spanish conversation **10.00** For four- and five-year-olds **10.15** Science: highlighting **10.38** Lights **11.00** Words and pictures **11.18** Maths investigations **11.40** Science: vibrations **12.05** Using maths at work **12.28** Economics: choice **12.50** Urban wildlife (Ceefax) **1.20** For the very young **1.38** Part two of a series on a New Forest fallow deer **2.00 News** and weather followed by a children's story from China.
2.20 *The Task of Mankind.* Marian Foster reports from Bangladesh and Nepal (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by *Sir Mortimer Wheeler: The Viceroy Sent for Me* (r).
3.50 News and weather.
4.00 It's My Pleasure. Brendan Foster talks to Desmond Lynam about his favourite television memories.
4.35 Boys and Girls Come Out to Play. The second of two programmes on the work of the Oldham Theatre Workshop. (first shown on BBC North West) **5.05 My Music** (r).
5.30 Advice Shop. Margo MacDonald examines state, occupational and personal pension plans as they affect women.
6.00 Film: Carry On Regardless (1961, b/w). The *Carry On* team cause chaos as they attempt to renovate various country houses. Directed by Gerald Thomas.
7.25 Sea (r).
7.40 The Victorian Kitchen Garden. Part 12 of the series on the renovation of a walled garden. *(Ceefax)*
8.10 Wideworld: Into Africa. A portrait of three pilots working in Africa seeding thunderclouds, spraying locusts and dust crops.
9.00 M*A*S*H. A wounded captain gives his name as Jesus Christ, causing Father Mulcahy a certain amount of consternation (r).
9.25 A Perfect Spy. Episode five. (Ceefax)
10.25 Newsnight 11.10 Weather.
11.15 Beethoven Piano Sonata. Daniel Barenboim plays the Sonata in *E flat, Op 7, No 4* (r). Ends at **11.55.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes news on the hour and half hour and **After Nine** presented by Jayne Irving.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Runway. Travel quiz presented by Chris Serle **10.00** Santa Barbara **10.25 News** *headlines* **10.30** *The Time. . .The Place. . .* Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject.
11.10 Allsorts (r). **11.25 Thames** *news headlines* **11.30 Pennywise.** Muriel Clark and Anne Brand give a party for 10 people on a budget of £20 (r). **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
12.30 News with Julia Somerville **12.50 Thames news.**
1.00 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian township **2.00 Cross Wits.** Word game presented by Tom O'Connor. With Stephanie Lawrence and Keith Barron **2.30 Frocks on the Box.** Fashion series presented by Marie Helvin, Muriel Gray and Harry Enfield. This afternoon's edition includes Katie Boyle revealing the secrets of her wardrobe, and music from Working Week.
3.00 Take the High Road. Inverdarroch tries to play the good *neighbour* **3.25** *Thames news* headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial.
4.00 The Pondles 4.10 The Telebugs 4.20 The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin 4.50 Your Mother Wouldn't Like It.
5.15 Blockbusters. General *knowledge quiz game for* teenagers presented by Bob Holness.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help with news of pension entitlement from the United States.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Headliners presented by Derek Jameson. Quiz show about the big stories of the past. Nigel Dempster and Philippa Kennedy are joined by Peter Stringfellow, Sally Burton, Linda Lusardi and Keith Barron.
7.30 Coronation Street. Hilda says her final goodbyes to Dr Lowther; *and Jack Duckworth accuses* his wife of wanting to get rid of him. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The *entertainer's guests include* Dame Vera Lynn, Engelbert Humperdink, Gloria Gaynor and George Carl.
9.00 . . . A Damned Serious Business. (see Choice)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes. Weather followed by Thames *news* headlines.
10.30 Film: Popeye Doyle (1986) starring Ed O'Neill and Matthew Laurence. A made-for-television spin-off from the acclaimed *French Connection* film character. In this thriller Doyle is on the trail of a girl's killer when he finds himself trying to prevent an assassination that could start a Middle East war. Directed by Peter Levin.
12.15 Film: The Long Riders (1980) starring David Carradine, Keith Carradine and Stacy Keach. Immediately after the American *Civil War the James brothers* and the Younger brothers decide to go straight — after one last raid. Directed by Walter Hill.
2.00 America's Top Ten.
2.30 News headlines followed by **WKRP in Cincinnati.** Comedy series.
3.00 Film: Captain Kronos — *Vampire Hunter* (1972) *starring* Horst Jason. An itinerant fighter of evil arrives in a village where all the fair young maids are ageing prematurely. Directed by Brian Clemens.
4.35 Fifty Years On. Vintage newsreels.
5.00 ITN World News
5.30 CNN Headline News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

10.30 Have You Seen This? A preview of Schools programmes for spring and summer.
12.00 Business Daily. Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
12.30 Just 4 Fun. For children, including the hearing impaired. (Oracle) **1.00 Sesame Street.** For pre-school children.
2.00 Their Lordships' House (r).
2.15 Film: *Night Boat to Dublin* (1945, b/w) starring Robert Newton. Second World War spy drama about a British agent in *a battle of wits with a German* master spy in order to wrest a Swedish atomic scientist from the clutches of the Nazis. Directed by Lawrence Huntingdon.
4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson talks to writer James Baldwin who died yesterday. Recorded in March of this year (r).
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Danny McMullan, a *chemistry teacher from* Belfast. **5.00 Cartoon Carnival.**
5.30 *I Dream of Jeannie.* American comedy series from the 1960s.
6.00 Family Ties. Domestic comedy series.
6.30 All in a Day's Life. Midday in the lives of six disparate people. (Oracle)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**
8.00 Design Matters: Profiting from the Past? Part five: using tourism to regenerate inner-cities.
8.30 A Week in Politics presented *by Nick Ross. This week's edition* includes the results of a poll on what the Government should do about Northern Ireland; and an inside report on the Foreign Office preparing for the Euro summit.
9.00 Opera on Four: Mithridate. A 14-year-old Mozart composed this opera for Milan, based on a tragedy by Racine. With Gosta Winbergh, Yvonne Kenny, Ann Murray and the Concentus Musicus, Vienna, conducted by Nikolaus Harnoncourt.
11.20 Two Men in a Marsh. Malcolm Muggeridge in conversation with Sydney Carter while on a walk on *Romney Marsh during the* summer.
12.20 Their Lordships' House. Ends at **12.35.**

Under Harrison's hat

TELEVISION CHOICE



Rex Harrison, with Julie Andrews, on stage in My Fair Lady: . . . A Damned Serious Business, ITV, 9pm

● In . . . **A Damned Serious Business** (ITV, 9.00pm), Rex Harrison takes off his hat, settles himself in a box at the *Theatre Royal, Haymarket,* and talks to Patrick Garland about his nearly 60 years as an actor. The title of the programme is taken from David Garrick's verdict on playing comedy, in which art, often and *deceptively, conceals art.* Harrison is one of the best modern practitioners of this, though he has never got stuck in a groove. In the 1940s, he embraced the verse drama of Eliot and Fry, and in the 1950s was at the Royal Court under George Devine. His most famous role, Higgins in *My Fair Lady,* was also a challenge, since he had to learn to sing or, rather, cover up the fact that he could not sing. The solution, borrowed from the music hall, was "speaking on pitch". After one Broadway performance, Spencer Tracy came to his dressing room and told him: "You made the little wop cry". The little wop was Frank Sinatra. Garland is content to play the feed ("*Anna and the King of Siam* was your first film in Hollywood, can you tell me something about the making of it?) and give Harrison his head. Since Harrison not only has an impressive memory but is also a superb raconteur, the programme is an effortless flow. The only harsh words are for David Lean. Humour, Harrison reckons, is not Lean's strong point, which made the filming of Noel Coward's comedy *Blithe Spirit* somewhat less than harmonious. As Harrison says, after putting everything into a scene it is disconcerting to have your director turn to the cameraman and say in full earshot: "Ronnie, I don't think that's very funny".

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30am Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:-
4.00am *As Radio 2* **10.00pm** *As* Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports Round-Up **8.50am**
4.00am Dave Bussey **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk On 2 **8.30** Cider 'n' Song (The Yetties) **9.00** Listen To The Band **10.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't A Clue **10.30** The Music Goes Round at 78 rpm **11.00** Brian Matthew **10.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT
6.00 am Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.05** Twenty-four Hours **7.30** Development '87 **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Classical Record Review **8.30** My Music **9.00** News **9.09** Commentary **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Dave Gelly's Songbook **10.00** News **10.01** Omnibus **10.30** Quote, Unquote **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Natural Selection **11.25** Letter from Wales **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Time For Verse **12.25** Farming World **12.45** Sports *Roundup* **1.00** *News* **1.09** *Twenty-four Hours* **1.30** Development '87 **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Report on Religion **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** On the Road **3.30** Don't Stop Now, it's Fundation **4.00** News **4.09** *Commentary* **4.15** Essays on Popular Music **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Letter from Wales **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Haute Actual **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **8.30** Assignment **9.00** News **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Essays on Popular Music **9.45** Recording of the Week **10.00** News **10.09** World Today **10.25** Letter from Wales **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** *Write On ...* **11.30** Multitrack 2 **12.00** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Don't Stop Now, it's Fundation **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Wareguide **1.40** Book Choice **1.45** *Training for Tomorrow* **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Assignment **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** M.A.D **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today

Radio 3

6.55 *Weather* **7.00** *News*
7.05 Morning Concert: Bizet (Carmen suite No 1: French National Radio Orchestra under Sir Thomas Beecham), Boccherini (Guitar Quintet No 9 in C: Daniel Benko with Eder String Quartet), Soler (Sonata in D minor: Alicia de Larrocha, piano), Victoria (Ave Maria: Choir of St John's College, Cambridge)
8.00 News bulletin
8.10 *Concert (continued):* Rodrigo (Guitar Concerto: Narciso Yepes, with Philharmonia under Garcia Navarro), Granados (Spanish Dances, Book 1: Alicia de Larrocha, piano), Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole: Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under André Cluytens)
9.00 World Service News
9.10 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. Song without Words, Op 62 No 6 (Malcolm Binns, fortepiano), Italien, Op 8 No 3 (Brigitte Lafon, mezzo, with *Francoise Tillard, piano*), Ermtelied, Op 8 No 4 (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, with Sawallisch, piano), Symphony No 3, the Scottish (Boston SO under Charles Munch)
10.05 French Carnivals: Berlioz (Roman Carnival overture: London Symphony under Colin Davis), Milhaud (Le Carnaval d'Aix: Monte Carlo National Opera Orchestra under Frémaux, with Claude Heiffer, piano)
10.35 Violin and piano recital: Zvi Zeitlin and Gordon Back perform Bartok's Andante, Stravinsky's Suite italienne, and Schumann's Sonata No 2 in D minor
11.30 Matinee musicale: BBC Concert Orchestra under *Ashley Lawrence,* with Gordon Fergus Thompson (piano). Grieg (Wedding Day at Troldhaugen), Haydn Wood (Mannin Veen), Saint-Saens (The Swan), Chopin (Concert paraphrase: Waltz, Op 18), Johann Strauss (Wine, Woman and Song), *Aladar Majorossy* (Fairy Tale), and Mendelssohn (Rondo brillant in E flat, Op 29)
12.30 Before the Blues: the fifth of Paul Oliver's record programmes. Today: Ragtime Millionaires. The songsters and musicianers
1.00 *News bulletin*
1.05 Albion Ensemble recital: Rössler's Wind Quintet in E flat; Claude Arrieu's Wind Quintet in C; Liu Zuan's Spring Moonlight and *Flowers over the Rhine;* Hindemith's Kleine Kammermusik, Op 24 No 2
2.00 Cello and double-bass: Timothy Hugh and Chi-Chi Nwanoku. Rossini (Duetto), Kodaly (Sonata, Op 8)
2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes Stephen Walsh's guide to recordings of Debussy's Jeux, and a review of new Brahms chamber music records (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong: from *Paisley Abbey. A live* transmission. The organ voluntary is Rheinberger's Introduction and Passacaglia, from Sonata No 8, Op 132. The organis. is John Langdon
5.00 World Service News
5.10 Midweek Choice: with Donald Macleod. Tchaikovsky's Hamlet overture (Stadium SO of New York, under Stokowski), Saint-Saens (Piano Concerto No 3: Ciccolini and Paris Orchestra under Baudo), Beethoven (Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 2: Jacqueline du Pré and Daniel Barenboim), Randhartinger (Schlummerlied: with soloists *Klesie Kelly and Ian* Partridge). Kummer (An den Mond: with Ian Partridge, tenor)
6.55 News bulletin
7.00 Six Continents: foreign radic broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With Ian McDougall
7.20 *Eilean Joyce: the pianist in* recordings of miniatures by Palmgren and Grieg
7.330 The Bassarids: one-act opera seria by Hans Werner Henze. Sung in the original English. Gerd Albrecht conducts Berlin Radio SO, South German Radio Choir, *and RIAS Chamber Choir.* Cast also includes Andreas Schmidt, Kenneth Riegel, Michael Burt, Karan Armstrong and Celina Lindsley
9.30 Science on 3: with Colin Tudge
10.15 BBC SO, under Elgar *Howarth. Richard Rodney* Bennett's Anniversaries, 1982; and Rupert Scott's De Profundis
11.00 Cello and piano recital: Melissa Phelps and Julian Jacobson. Beethoven's Variations on Bei Männern: Fauré's Sonata No 2 *in G minor,* Op 117; Janacek's Pohadka: A tale; and Beethoven's variations on Ein Madchen oder Weibchen, Op 66
11.57 *News* **12.00** Closedown



Linda Lusardi and Nigel Dempster: two of the celebrities involved in tonight's edition of Headliners, ITV, 7pm

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Juice **11.40-11.45** News and weather. SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotsman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland. NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm-5.40** Today's Report **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** Masterteam 87 **11.40-11.45** News and weather. ENGLAND: **6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: **9.30am-9.55** Mastersteam 87 SCOTLAND: **11.40am-12.05pm** Around Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: **10.35am-11.00** Ceefax.

ANGLIA As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardens for All **12.50-1.00** News **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **12.15am** Film: Craze **2.00-2.30** Nashville Swing **5.00** America's Top Ten **5.30** Punky Brewster **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **3.00** Bygones **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **10.30** Midweek Scotsport **12.15am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** Falcon Crest **6.00-6.35** News, **12.15am** Film: Stardust **2.15** UFO **3.10** News, Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00** Coast to Coast People **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** *Sullivans* **3.00** *Cross Wits* **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.25-6.35** Police 5 **12.15am** Company. Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except:**12.00** Look Who's Talking **12.50-1.00** News **3.00-3.30** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **10.35** Scotsport **12.15am** News. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:**12.50pm** Granada Reports **1.00-2.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your *Right* **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **12.15am** America's Top Ten **12.40** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardening Time **12.50** News **1.00-2.00** *Give Me a Number!* **6.00-6.35** News **12.15am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:**6.00pm-6.35** *Wales at Six.*

TSW As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Gardens for All **12.50-1.00** News **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale *Farm* **12.15am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Young Doctors **12.50** News **1.00** Coast to Coast People **1.30** Country Practice **2.00-2.30** *Sullivans* **3.00** *Cross Wits* **3.30-4.00** Take the High Road **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.25-6.35** Police 5 **12.15am** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** News **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **12.15am** All in a Day's Work. Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:**12.50pm-1.00** *Newstime* **3.30-4.00** *Smurfs* **6.00** Six Tonight **6.35-6.35** Ask Anne **12.10am** Newstime. Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:**12.00-12.30pm** Lunchtime Live **12.50** News **12.55** Help Yourself **1.00-2.00** Highway to Heaven **6.00-6.35** Calendar **12.15am** Show Express **12.45** Jobfinder **1.45** Closedown.

S4C Starts:**10.00am** Just 4 Fun **10.30** Schools **12.00** Business Daily **12.30pm** Countdown **1.00** Sesame Street **2.00** Gnostics **3.00** Old Country **3.30** Mister Ed' **4.00** Three Stooges' **4.15** Fistabalam **4.30** Blidowsar **5.00** Cartoon **5.15** Mawis on Four **5.45** American Football **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Hawl I Wybod **8.00** Hel Straeon **8.30** Mynd I'r South **9.10** Kate and Allie **9.40** Film: *I'll Never Forget What's'isname* **11.35** Week in Politics **12.05am** Closedown.

VARIATIONS

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought For The Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 *Midweek with Libby Purves* (s)
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time! Clay Jones and the team visit Wotton-under-Edge Horticultural Society in Gloucestershire to answer members' questions (r)
10.30 Morning Story! Eating Grapes Downwards, by Diana Bishop. Read by Katherine Parr
10.45 Daily Service: New Every Morning, page 9 (s)
11.00 *News; Travel; The* Wednesday Feature: The Making of Médée. Behind-the-scenes look at rehearsals for the production of Cherubini's opera which opened at Sydney Opera House last August, with Elizabeth *Connell in the title role* (see Choice)
11.47 Could Do Better. Robert Booth talks to Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Labour leader, about her school reports
12.00 News; You And Yours, with John Buckley
12.25 Father Brown: The Absence of Mr Glass, a dramatization of one of G K Chesterton's stories, with Andrew Sachs as *Father Brown* (r) (s)
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping
2.00 *News; Woman's Hour:* includes an interview with the blind pianist Bernard d'Ascoli. And another episode of Harriette Wilson's Memoirs
3.00 News; Play: Broadsheet Testimonies, by Nigel Baldwin. With Norman Jones as the newspaper editor, Lesley Dunlop as the reporter, and Geoffrey Matthews as an embittered *Welshman* (s)
3.47 Time For Verse: Wendy Cope with the second of six anthologies (3) Couples. The readers are Peter Jeffrey, Elizabeth Proud, Steve Hodson and Margaret Ward
4.00 News
4.05 File On 4, with reporter Michael Robinson (r)
4.45 *Kaleidoscope Extra.* Christopher Cook reports from Holland on the future of art subsidies given by the Dutch Government
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Film Star: Alexander Walker *recalls the screen career of* Elizabeth Taylor, with sound tracks from some of her best-known films (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 In Business: Magazine for people running a business (r)
7.45 Up The Garden Path: Imelda Staunton stars in a dramatization of the novel by Sue Limb (episode four, of six)
8.15 *Medicine Now:* Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
8.45 Certain Questions in the National Museum: William Roberts and Sue Jones-Davies read poetry inspired by visits to Cardiff's main gallery
9.15 *The* 1987 Reith Lectures: Composer Alexander Goehr gives six talks on The Survival of the Symphony. Tonight: Past and Present
9.45 Kaleidoscope: with Natalie Whaen. Tonight's topics include the film My Sweet *Little Village; the Faber* Book of Reportage; and Cinderella, the Real True Story, at the Drill Hall Arts *Centre.* Also, *new* recordings by the conductor Simon Rattle
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: The First Years Of My Life, by Muriel Spark. The reader is Dulcie Gray **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Alexander MacLeod
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today In Parliament
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping
VHF as above except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Singing Together **11.20** Drama Workshop **11.40** Reading Corner **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Wavelength Plus **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Biotechnology. **12.30** Monoclonal Antibodies **12.50** Job Prospects.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE



Elizabeth Connell as Médée

● Whatever the title of the *Wednesday Feature* may imply, producer Daniel Snowman's documentary **The Making of Médée** (Radio 4, 11.00am) is more about the making of Elizabeth Connell. By a circuitous route (the soprano, at one stage, seems to be tackling the entire operatic repertoire at one and the same time), we do eventually arrive at the first-night of *Médée* at the Sydney Opera House last August where, judging by the applause we hear this morning, there was not only a danger of the opera house's roof being brought down by it but of the foundations of nearby Sydney harbour being seriously disturbed as well. The flaw in this documentary is that, because of its determination to do a PR job on Miss Connell, it neglects what I should have thought was its principal aim — to analyse the reasons that have given the Cherubini opera its reputation as an Everest that only a few singers (most notably Callas, Gwyneth Jones and Eileen Farrell) have dared to climb.
● Nigel Baldwin's **Broadsheet Testimonies** (Radio 4, 3.00pm) is a too dyspeptic play about muck-raking journalism. Would-be reporters should avoid it.

Peter Davalle

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SAS moves step nearer to launching B-Cal offer

By Colin Narbrough

Scandinavian Airlines System, the airline group which is 50 per cent owned by the governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, should today clear the first hurdle before launching a partial bid for British Caledonian.

Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who is committed to speeding up merger control procedures, is expected to give his response today to a report on the Scandinavians' intentions by Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of Fair Trading.

Sir Gordon submitted his recommendation yesterday, after giving his urgent attention to the "merger situation" involving SAS and B-Cal. The Secretary of State would normally make known his views within two days.

But the green light Lord Young is widely expected to give to the deal will not trigger a formal bid from SAS, which intends to wait for the crucial verdict of the Civil Aviation Authority on whether B-Cal would continue to be treated as a British airline if SAS took a large stake.

The plan foresees SAS buying 40 per cent of the troubled British airline and injecting a further £50 million in cash as part of a restructuring operation.

Contrary to earlier reports that Mr Jan Carlzon, the SAS president, had sewn up the deal in advance while in London recently, the B-Cal board and important shareholders want to see a detailed offer from SAS before taking a position.

Investors, including 3i, which promotes investment in small and medium-size British firms, want to see the commercial logic of the bid before committing their support for B-Cal. 3i, which has a 40 per cent stake in B-Cal, first invested in the company 20 years ago.

With time running out on British Airways' £153 million bid for B-Cal, SAS has to present its bid soon, and Mr Helge Lindberg, the SAS vice-president, was in London yesterday visiting potential investors and the authorities.

It was, however, clear that should Lord Young call for a monopolies investigation, or the CAA take away any of B-Cal's traffic rights, SAS would let the deal drop.

Mr Lindberg, interviewed on BBC radio yesterday, gave reassurances that B-Cal would remain British controlled and British managed — necessary conditions if the British authorities are to leave its routes intact.

He also saw no job cuts emerging from an SAS-B-Cal link-up, in contrast to the sizeable redundancies expected if the BA offer wins.

SAS's interest in B-Cal was part of its strategic view that independent airlines had to be strong as Europe moved towards deregulation in the skies, probably in 1992.

"We're not here to get into a dogfight with our old friend BA," Mr Lindberg said last night.

Arctic North comes to London



Three Inuit Indians from Baffin Island temporarily and unseasonably at home at the Museum of Mankind in London, where an exhibition, "Living Arctic Hunters of the Canadian North", opens tomorrow (Photograph: John Rogers).

Commons sketch

Words of gloom from a man apart

When Members on one side or another are hooting with laughter or shaking with anger, Mr Edward Heath, never smiles. But nor does he show disapproval. He simply stares straight ahead, an island inaccessible to others.

As Mrs Margaret Thatcher speaks, he stares straight ahead, as if wishing to avert his eyes while this temporary fault is adjusted. Even when she blunders and the Opposition howl, he remains impassive, giving nothing away.

At inter-party jokes, free from the taint of political bias ("Has the Prime Minister found time to read the Saturday edition of the Leicester Mercury?"), he looks down at his order-paper, the headmaster turning a blind eye to such tomfoolery.

Next to him, the fading stars of Thatcherism make merry. Mr Heseltine whispers to Mr Tebbit, and then both roar with naughty laughter. Behind him, even Mr Leon Brittan (erroneously described by the Speaker as "Mr Loin Brituain") quite regularly smiles.

But Mr Heath prefers to listen intently (or is he listening? who can tell?) to Mr Jeremy Corbyn glumly rattling on about hypothermia rather than associate himself with the frivolities of the powerless.

But as the Education Reform debate was launched, his hand was rather more active than usual, jotting things down on loose sheets of paper, though his face remained devoid of any expression beyond a kind of lonely superiority.

At the Despatch Box, Mr Kenneth Baker smarmed and enunciated his way through a long, written speech in praise of his own particular brands of choice, quality, freedom and standards. Occasionally, Mr Heath's head would turn leftwards towards him, the corners of his eyes bestowing upon the Secretary of State for Education a look of something approaching, or even surpassing, contempt.

But these glances were infrequently stolen, as if the very act of their bestowal was more than the Secretary deserved.

Only at one point, when Mr Baker stated "the opinion polls also clearly show its popularity" did Mr Heath afford himself an unplanned movement. His left eyebrow rose above the solemn waxiness of the rest of his face, and, having risen, fell back into place once again.

As Mr Jack Straw for the Opposition read his lengthy litany of off-the-peg criticism ("setting child against child, parent against parent, school against school, race against race...") Mr Heath sat steady and still. Eventually, Mr Straw's speech came to an end and Mr Heath loomed slowly to his feet.

Though the feet remained firmly pointed to the front, his body was more often stretching backwards, for it was his own side whom he wished to chastise.

Like a history lesson delivered by a senior teacher who has never quite learnt to silence the nuisances, his speech was a compelling mixture of the high ("the great tradition of Disraeli, Balfour and Butler") and the low ("there is no point in the Member chanting like that and then grinning").

Gloom and conspiracy linked most of his sentiments ("My Rt Hon Friend shakes his head, but he knows full well the reason academics haven't spoken out is that they're afraid they'll lose their jobs").

Though his bile was reserved mainly for his allies, it was by no means exclusive to them. When Mr Neil Kinnock was seen to titter, Mr Heath rounded on him. "There is no point in the Leader of the Opposition laughing like this...his predecessor would have been ashamed of himself...".

Convinced that the limited time allowed for debate was a "caricature of parliamentary government", Mr Heath refused to give way to interventions. "There's no time, there's no time" he kept stressing. He addressed his most damning remarks towards Mr Baker in person. "I believe that this is very largely a confidence trick", he said, staring straight at the man he had been ignoring all day.

Mr Baker never exchanged his glance, preferring to sit back and let a patient smirk say it all. After all, this strange, sincere, awkward, figure, busily making the Opposition so happy and his own side so uncomfortable, could no longer change anything. And Mr Baker could.

Dublin extradition debate

Minister calls for act of faith

By John Cooney

New extradition arrangements will bring strength and vitality to the relationship now established between the London and Dublin governments, Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish minister for foreign affairs, told the Dail yesterday.

It was time for "an act of faith in the relationships on and between these islands," Mr Lenihan said, opening the second of a four-day debate on the extradition bill.

Mr Lenihan spoke before Mrs Thatcher delivered a sharp rebuke to the new extradition procedures which she claimed would make Britain "a least favoured nation."

The tone of Mrs Thatcher's comments is almost certain to mean a frosty meeting with Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, at the EEC Summit in Copenhagen on Friday.

The introduction of extradition safeguards was the price Mr Haughey paid to appease his Fianna Fail backbenchers who strongly opposed Ireland's ratification of the European Convention on the suppression of terrorism. It was ratified by Ireland at midnight on Monday.

But the European Convention's application in regard to Britain and Northern Ireland will be substantially modified by the Bill now before the Dail. Its most controversial proposal deals with safeguards for Irish citizens wanted for trial in Britain or Northern Ireland in connection with terrorist offences.

The Bill gives the Irish Attorney-General power to examine extradition warrants sent by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney-General. His Irish counterpart will have the power to approve or reject them.

The Bill also requires him to be sure that there is sufficient evidence for the prosecution to take place in the United Kingdom, and that an Irish citizen will be tried only for the offence on the extradition warrant.

A report on how the procedures work will be presented to the Dail by the attorney-general annually.

The new procedure would be in addition to the present requirements for a warrant to be served by a senior police officer on the wanted person, who is then brought before the courts for a ruling on the extradition request.

By insisting on the safeguards Mr Haughey's minority government is risking its continued hold on power. Mr Haughey has threatened to hold an election on Christmas Eve if the Bill is altered in crucial votes in committee stage today or tomorrow.

It is expected that Mr Haughey's nine-month old government will survive, because the Opposition parties will not combine their forces and agree to a joint amendment.

● Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has promised Socialist members of the Irish parliament that the British Labour party will not have any contacts with Sinn Fein (Robin Oakley writes).

Detectives break child sex ring

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10 to 15, are mostly from deprived homes in the north-west London area but others live in Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Devon and Wiltshire. The operation against the ring was launched when a boy, aged 10, with behavioural problems who had been taken into care told his foster parents what had happened.

Since then more than 140 children have been interviewed by teams of police and social workers. One of them has been taken into care as a result of the inquiry and a number of others are being assessed "to see if there are any further ways of promoting their welfare".

Three men have already appeared before magistrates on charges including buggery, indecent assault and aiding and abetting buggery. They have been remanded in custody. They are a shoe repairer, aged 64, from Kilburn; a clerk, aged 64, from Hastings; and an unemployed man, aged 59, from Harlesden.

However, after their arrests, an investigation made under the command of Det Supt John Lewis and Det Chief Insp Roger Gaspar mushroomed. On Monday night two more adults and one juvenile were arrested. Then, in a series of dawn raids on addresses in Kilburn, Harlesden, Twickenham, Paddington, Stoke Newington and Hastings yesterday, 15 more adults and one juvenile were taken into custody.

Last night, the arrested men were still undergoing questioning at police stations throughout north-west London. Charges are not expected until today.

The number of the council's confidential hotline is (01) 900 5520.

Dog with nose for trouble

Meriden, Connecticut (AP) — Arson investigators here have an unusual tool for tracking down the source of suspicious fires.

Mattie, a black Labrador retriever, is believed to be the country's first working arson dog.

Thatcher rebuke over Irish extradition plan

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taking additional measures. It could make extradition more difficult ... It is essential that we maintain effective extradition arrangements so that there is no hiding place for terrorists. What the Republic is doing in taking this step is making us the least-favoured nation in this matter."

When Mr Cecil Walker (Belfast N, Ulster Unionist) said that there was great concern in Northern Ireland that the Republic was not now fully committed to the extradition of terrorists for so-called political crimes, Mrs Thatcher repeated her warning that the proposed action could make the extradition of terrorists more difficult.

"It would be a step backwards from the existing arrangements under which no application is made to a judicial authority for a warrant without there being a firm intention to prosecute based on sufficiency of evidence. We are surprised therefore that a need is perceived now for any further procedural step."

● **Man arrested:** Scotland Yard confirmed that a man had been arrested at Heathrow Airport yesterday and was being held at a central London police station under the Pevention of Terrorism Act.

Sinn Fein named him as Alex Maskey, one of its Belfast city councillors, who had been on his way home from a holiday in Jersey.

'Catalogue of neglect' on Tube safety

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bound Victoria and northbound Piccadilly Line tunnels. Paper bags, cardboard boxes, old uniforms must be cleared from top of lockers in staff locker room."

There were similar instruction for Oxford Circus and Goodge Street.

Mr Dobson said last night that the whole report showed that the London Underground was a "totally filthy ragshop". The only surprise was that there were not more fires.

He demanded that it should now publish, station by station, the fire reports for the past five years in order to show what it had done and what it had not done.

Meanwhile, a tour of several Underground stations by a British safety expert on Monday disclosed that nearly two weeks after the fire, there was still much potentially hazardous material to be found lying around the stations.

London Underground confirmed that it was mounting a special programme to remove grease, possibly accumulated over many decades, from parts of wooden escalators which had previously been considered impossible to get at for cleaning purposes.

They are the tracks under the treads in which the wheels and chains run which move the escalator.

One source said there appeared to be no reason to think that the accumulated grease had caused the King's Cross fire, but it was now considered an unacceptable hazard.

More warnings came from Mr Derek Skillin, the chief fire and safety surveyor of the Eagle Star Insurance Group, who visited five stations with a reporter from *The Times*.

He indicated a number of instances where maintenance and refurbishment operations could present risks to travellers.

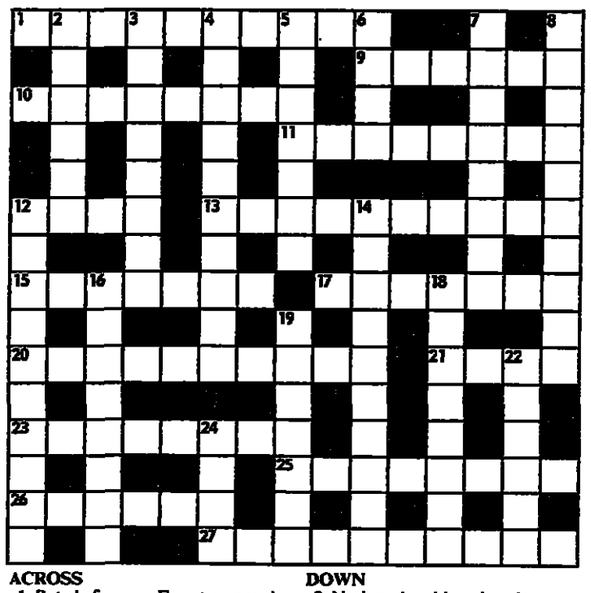
Upturned wheelbarrows, wooden buckets, bags of cement and blocks of wood were found behind a low cordon on a platform at Bank station in the City.

Mr Skillin said the equipment, just seven feet from the track, was a clear impediment

A fire precaution adviser for 40 years, Mr Skillin was also disturbed at the maintenance areas at King's Cross, just yards from the scene of the ticket hall fire, where workmen were ensconced behind wooden partitioning close to a web of electric cables.

After his inspection, Mr Skillin concluded that today's inquiry should examine sprinkler systems, particularly in entrance halls, the use of non-inflammable materials which would produce non-toxic fumes if ignited and the possibility of bringing Underground stations within the scope of the 1971 Fire Precautions Act.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,529



ACROSS

1 Put before a Forester novel, bound to start too soon (4,3,3).
9 Opening of play about court case (6).
10 In a manner of speaking, leant forward (8).
11 Bone broken by bar flies (5,3).
12 Overseas, I record a vehicle (4).
13 Where Frenchman might embrace his partner? (4-1-5).
15 Does garment have a pad? (7).
17 Run after the head of the business, and get the sack for talking (7).
20 The mule has thrown an old man (10).
21 In the House of Commons, a member is unchanged (4).
23 Bet footballer is relaxed (4-4).
25 One searching for the best fancy roll (8).
26 Mysterious business about a sect (6).
27 When watch is completed, he gets bill to dispose of (5,5).

DOWN

2 Neglected and in ruins (6).
3 Creature good at egg-laying, and at interrupting irregular supply (8).
4 Call "Copper" and coppers turn up, covering American jiggery-pokery (5-5).
5 Man, taking a start from you, anyhow forged ahead (7).
6 Not actually in love, they start to form an attachment (4).
7 Newspaper and its boss gave a true representation (8).
8 By the sound of it, bigwig joins County Club (10).
12 Economist leaves town, following evangelist and poet (4,6).
14 Seeds need good luck (3,3,4).
16 Fireworks put to music (3,5).
18 See ship capsize in the midst of submersion, and break up (8).
19 It's satisfying to commit regicide, so they say (7).
22 Walrus left a bit (6).
24 Worker gets note in advanced payment (4).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MEPHITIS
a. Ancient Egyptian goddess
b. A kidney disease
c. A stink

ODONTERISM
a. Chattering of teeth
b. Dental pyorrhea
c. Caries

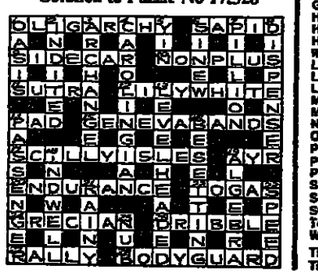
DESIPIENT
a. Silly
b. Tasteless
c. A Canadian sophomore

DOB
a. A move at dibs
b. A Wolf Cub
c. A Doctor of Biology

DIDINE
a. A parry with an épée
b. The souk at Marakesh
c. Dodoesque

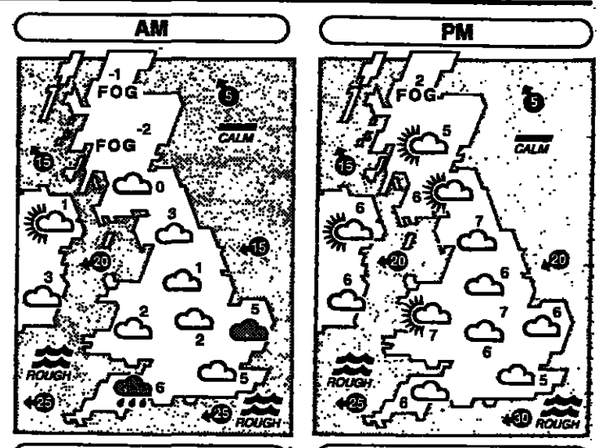
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Solution to Puzzle No 17,528



WEATHER

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have an early frost with patchy freezing fog persisting. Most of England and Wales will be dry and rather cloudy although in northern England and well sheltered western areas there will be some sunshine. Temperatures similar to yesterday. Outlook: Mostly dry and cold although cloud and rain will gradually spread from the south, with snow over Welsh mountains.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Majorca	s	14	57
Alex'dria	f	22	72	Malta	s	17	63
Algiers	f	26	78	Melb'rne	c	14	57
Amst'dm	c	3	37	Mexico C	f	21	70
Athens	s	18	64	Milan	r	7	45
Bahrain	s	26	79	Montreal*	c	5	41
Barcelna	d	7	45	Moscow	fg	-1	30
Belgrade	c	7	45	Nairobi	t	26	79
Bermuda*	s	23	73	Naples	f	12	54
Biarritz	c	3	37	N York*	c	13	55
Brussels	f	3	37	Nice	s	13	55
B Aires*	s	35	95	Oslo	s	1	34
Cairo	s	23	73	Paris	c	1	34
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Peking	s	-2	28
C'blanca	f	23	73	Perth	f	23	73
Chicago*	r	4	39	Reykjvik	c	8	46
Cologne	s	5	41	Rhodes	f	17	63
C'phagn	s	4	39	Riyadh	s	24	75
Corfu	f	12	54	Rome	s	12	54
Florence	s	13	56	S F'risco*	r	12	54
Frankfurt	s	4	39	St'kholm	s	0	32
Funchal	s	20	68	Strasb'rg	c	3	37
Helsinki	c	1	34	Sydney	s	26	79
Hong K	f	16	61	Tangier	c	17	63
Innsbruck	c	2	36	Tenerife	f	23	73
Istanbul	s	14	57	Toronto*	c	4	39
Jeddah	s	33	91	Tunis	s	16	61
Jo'burg*	c	18	64	Vanc'ver*	f	8	46
Karachi	s	24	75	Venice	c	10	50
L Palmas	f	22	72	Vienna	c	4	39
Lisbon	c	9	48	Wash'ton*	f	9	48
Locarno	f	7	45	Wel'nton	s	16	61
L Angels*	f	13	55	Zurich	d	2	36

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.24	7	45	dull
Bridlington	-	.12	8	46	cloudy
Cromer	3.8	-	7	45	sunny
Clacton	2.7	-	7	45	bright
Folkestone	1.4	-	8	46	bright
Eastbourne	-	-	7	45	dull
Brighton	-	-	7	45	dull
Littlehmptn	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Bognor R	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Southsea	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Bournemth	1.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Swanage	2.5	-	9	48	drizzle
Torquay	1.1	.28	11	52	cloudy
Falmouth	4.3	.04	10	50	sunny
Scilly Isles	2.4	.02	10	50	sunny
Guernsey	6.6	-	7	45	sunny
Newquay	2.4	.06	9	48	bright
Ilfracombe	-	.07	9	48	bright
Minehead	-	.34	8	46	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	7	45	sunny
Carlisle	5.9	.11	7	45	sunny
N'cstl-o-Tyne	5.1	.06	7	45	rain
Nottingham	-	.09	5	41	rain
Anglesey	2.0	-	9	48	shower
Cardiff (Cstl)	0.1	.18	7	45	rain
Tenby	5.5	-	8	46	sunny
Aviemore	3.7	-	5	41	bright
Glasgow	6.0	-	6	43	sunny
Lerwick	3.7	.05	7	45	sunny
Prestwick	6.8	-	6	43	sunny
Wick	4.5	.06	7	45	shower

* Denotes figures not available
These are Monday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.18	6.6	11.57	6.9
Aberdeen	11.09	3.9	11.16	4.1
Avonmouth	4.33	11.8	4.59	12.2
Belfast	8.44	3.2	9.00	3.5
Cardiff	4.18	10.9	4.44	11.3
Devonport	3.13	5.1	3.33	5.2
Dover	8.27	6.1	9.03	6.1
Falmouth	2.43	4.9	3.03	5.0
Glasgow	10.20	4.3	10.42	4.6
Harwich	9.01	3.6	9.46	3.7
Holyhead	7.59	5.0	8.09	5.3
Hull	3.24	6.9	4.17	6.7
Ilfracombe	3.18	8.0	3.43	8.4
Leith	—	—	12.19	5.2
Liverpool	8.48	8.4	9.03	8.9
Lowestoft	6.21	2.4	7.35	2.3
Margate	9.12	4.5	10.09	4.5
Milford Haven	3.38	6.2	4.00	6.5
Newquay	2.34	6.2	2.55	6.5
Oban	3.30	3.3	3.48	3.7
Penzance	2.19	5.2	2.38	5.3
Portland	4.05	1.9	4.24	1.9
Portsmouth	8.57	4.5	9.20	4.3
Shoreham	8.35	5.8	9.05	5.7
Southampton	8.33	4.4	8.54	4.2
Swansea	3.48	8.4	4.12	8.8
Tees	12.53	5.0	1.40	5.0
Wton-on-Nze	8.58	3.8	9.43	3.9

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.88	2.92
Austria Sch	21.85	20.75
Belgium Fr	65.20	62.00
Canada $	2.483	2.343
Denmark Kr	12.00	11.40
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.52	10.02
Germany Dm	3.105	2.945
Greece Dr	270	250
Hong Kong $	14.50	13.80
Ireland Pt	1.174	1.114
Italy Lire	2285	2175
Japan Yen	251	239
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.32
Norway Kr	12.14	11.49
Portugal Esc	254.50	238.50
South Africa Rd	4.60	3.90
Spain Pta	208.75	197.75
Sweden Kr	11.25	10.71
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.42
USA $	1.89	1.80
Yugoslavia Dnr	3200	2500

Rates for small denominations bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 102.9 (October)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 1.1 at 1249.8.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1033.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am,2C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, Trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.4 hr.

Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.46 am	3.55 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
4.29 am	2.04 pm

Full moon December 5th

LIGHTING-UP TIME

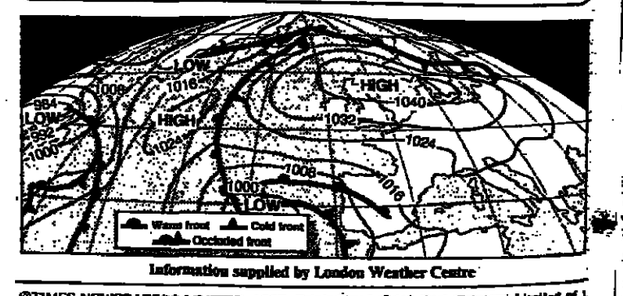
London 4.25 pm to 7.16 am
Bristol 4.35 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 4.14 pm to 7.52 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.34 am
Penzance 4.53 pm to 7.31 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	6	44	Guernsey	f	8	46
B'mingham	c	6	43	Inverness	c	2	36
Blackpool	c	6	43	Jersey	c	7	45
Bristol	d	7	45	London	c	7	45
Cardiff	r	7	45	M'nchster	c	7	45
Edinburgh	c	1	34	Newcastle	c	8	46
Glasgow	s	-1	30	R'nldsway	s	7	45

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1249.8 (–1.1)

FT-SE 100
1578.5 (–1.4)

Bargains
25280 (24686)

USM (Datastream)
126.0 (–1.47)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8205 (–0.0100)

W German mark
2.9947 (–0.0014)

Trade-weighted
76.2 (–0.2)

Banks step in to lift dollar

US currency edges up after $500m support

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The leading central banks stepped in to help the dollar yesterday with co-ordinated intervention in support of the beleaguered US currency.

The dollar initially rose strongly, climbing by two pfennigs, and stock market sentiment improved. But it later fell back as dealers decided the central banks' moves had been only a token attempt to break the fall.

"We have seen a little bit of a rescue package in the face of a serious situation," said Mr Richard Jeffrey, an economist at Hoare Govett, the broker. "Intervention is only a short-term palliative."

Market estimates suggested the intervention was fairly modest, probably only about $500 million (£277 million), but had a disproportionate impact in thin markets.

The Bundesbank, the Bank of Italy, the Swiss National Bank and the Bank of England intervened to support the dollar after some overnight support by the Bank of Japan.

Market doubts about official US attitudes towards the dollar were heightened by the apparent absence of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the agent of the US Treasury in the foreign exchange markets, in the support operation.

The dollar ended the day in Europe only slightly above its record lows on Monday. It closed just half a pfennig up at DM1.6450, and up from Y132.20 to Y132.85.

The pound, down by 2½ cents at one stage, ended with a loss of just a cent at $1.8205. The sterling index slipped by 0.2 of a point to 76.2.

The failure of the dollar to hold its initial levels hit Wall Street and pushed share prices down in London. The FT-SE 100 index closed 1.4 points down at 1,578.5, after being more than 12 points higher.

Dealers said an attempt to rally yesterday morning, encouraged by the dollar's improved showing, soon ran out of steam. The expectation was that market-makers would continue to push down share prices until business was generated.

In afternoon trading on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up by 13.76 points at 1,847.31.

Government stocks fell by about ⅜ of a point because of the weaker pound, and with hopes of lower interest rates still very faint. In the House of Commons, the Prime Minister ruled out an early cut in base rates.

The focus of the foreign exchange markets is now on West Germany, where the government is expected to approve an expansionary package of cheap loans today, and where there are hopes of a reduction in interest rates by the Bundesbank tomorrow.

The Bundesbank yesterday announced a 28-day securities repurchase agreement at the unchanged rate of 3.25 per cent. Some dealers expect a half-point cut in the discount rate to 2.5 per cent tomorrow.

However, such a reduction — which would produce the lowest-ever discount rate — may be in two stages. And it could be postponed until the next Bundesbank council meeting if the dollar steadies today.

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Broackes in the chair: tea for two at The Ritz



Putting on The Ritz: chairman Sir Nigel Broackes and chief executive Eric Parker yesterday (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Trafalgar advances to £163m

By Colin Campbell

Trafalgar House, the shipping, property and building group, says that, with the exception of two areas, it sees no tangible evidence that the financial collapse in world markets will impact on the group this year.

Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman, and Mr Eric Parker, chief executive, yesterday presented results for the year ended September 30 which showed a rise in pretax profits from £145.8 million to £163.2 million.

Sir Nigel said the Ritz Hotel and the shipping division could be hit by dollar weakness but no slow-down was indicated for housing interests. The hotel was hoping that any shorfall of US visitors would be made good by other visitors.

Trafalgar House yesterday raised its final dividend for the 1987 financial year from 7p to 8p a share, making 14.5p (13.2p) for the year. The group disclosed year-end cash holdings of £442.5 million and no net borrowings. The share price was 2p easier at 301p.

Trafalgar had earlier in the year failed in a bid for Pension Fund Property Unit Trust and, having raised funds to accommodate the acquisition and for general expansion, thus ended the year with a net cash mountain.

Sir Nigel said that given the group's cash holdings, acquisitions for cash could well be made to replenish the commercial property development portfolio and to increase the housebuilding land portfolio.

He did not, however, envisage any significant changes in the areas of shipping and construction Tempus, page 26

French shy away from tunnel

About 25 per cent of the £353 million Eurotunnel shares offered in France were left with the French underwriters after about 60 per cent was taken by 200,000 private investors and about 15 per cent by institutions.

The different method used to market new issues in France meant this did not translate fully into a 25 per cent undersubscription. The whole issue was bought by 26 banks that distributed as much as they chose through their branch networks.

Calor falls 4%

Pretax profits at Calor Group dropped 4 per cent to £17.5 million in the half-year to September 30. Sir Dermot de Trafford, chairman, said the bulk of Calor's profit was earned in winter and these figures were of limited significance in assessing the full-year prospects. There is an interim dividend of 5.5p.

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Gold lower

The London gold price closed $1.375 an ounce lower yesterday at $491.25 after nearly touching a five-year high on Monday. Traders said the dollar's mild recovery on world markets prompted profit taking in the metal, although gold bucked up from the day's low of $486.90 in late trading. The silver price closed 3.75p weaker at 385.25p an ounce.

Bonn in £7bn credit plan

From John England, Bonn

The West German economy is to receive a boost with a low-interest investment credit programme of £7 billion, or £2 billion more than expected, government sources said yesterday.

Herr Martin Bangemann, the economics minister, and Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the finance minister, who discussed proposals to be put before Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right coalition leaders and the cabinet today, gave no details before a Press conference expected to be held after the cabinet meeting.

But they are understood to have agreed on the higher credit volume for municipalities (£5 billion) and medium-sized businesses (£2 billiion) over a period of two to three years.

The programme would be funded by the Public Financing Agency in which the federal government has an 80 per cent interest and the state governments 20 per cent. Government circles said it was also hoped that the central bank council would decide to lower its discount rates

The government's package of economy-boosting measures will come on top of income tax reliefs next year totalling more than £4.3 billion.

● The US government's main barometer of future economic activity, the index of leading indicators, fell by 0.2 per cent last month after showing no change in September, the Commerce Department said

Profits leap 33% at Allied-Lyons

By Alison Eadie

Allied-Lyons, the drinks and foods group whose brands range from Tetley Tea to Skol lager, made pretax profits in the half year to September 19 of £197.5 million, an increase of 33.4 per cent. The interim dividend is raised 11.5 per cent to 4.35p.

The results include the first full six-month contribution from Hiram Walker, the 51 per cent-owned Canadian subsidiary. Hiram's pretax profits in the half year to the end of August were £57.6 million. Allied last week announced it was buying the remaining 49 per cent of Hiram for £572 million.

Allied-Lyons' exposure to US and Canadian dollars, after 100 percent ownership of Hiram Walker, will still only amount to 15 per cent of group profits, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, the chairman and chief executive, said.

Sir Derrick said that because of the double transition with the consolidation of Hiram Walker, the earnings per share gain of 15.3 per cent provided the most reliable group performance measure.

He added that he did not regard Mr Alan Bond's near-4 per cent stake as hostile in any way. Allied Breweries has sole rights as agents in Britain for Bond Corporation's Swan and Castlemaine XXXX lagers.

The beer division increased its profits by 3.7 per cent to £87.1 million, or 14 per cent after stripping out property profits.

Profits of wines and spirits rose to £92.2 million from £34.5 million due to the inclusion of Hiram Walker. The division is seeing greater growth in Europe and the Far East than it is in the US and Canada.

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Blue Circle in the market for Birmid

By Cliff Feltham

A takeover battle loomed last night after Blue Circle Industries, Britain's largest cement maker, took the unusual course of announcing that it was lining up a £200 million plus bid for Birmid Qualcast, the Potterton boilers and lawnmowers group.

Blue Circle yesterday sent Hoare Govett, its broker, into the market to lift its stake to 7.6 per cent and later confirmed it was anxious to reach an agreed bid, although it does not rule out a hostile offer if talks collapse.

But the early morning buying spree was not completely successful as the Birmid Qualcast shares quickly raced away from their overnight level of 242p to more than 300p — the price Hoare Govett was offering.

The brokers, who had hoped to raise Blue Circle's stake to 15 per cent, ended up buying 3.5 million shares to bring the holding to 5.5 million shares.

Birmid Qualcast, which had held exploratory talks with Blue Circle two months ago, immediately issued a warning that an attempt was being made to buy a substantial holding and advised shareholders not to sell, "pending clarification".

Blue Circle said it had decided to buy a substantial stake in Birmid Qualcast to emphasise its determination to reach a negotiated offer

Blue Circle, on the lookout for a large acquisition for some time, is keen to merge its own Armitage-Shanks bathroom fittings business with Birmid Qualcast to create a new home improvements division.

Birmid Qualcast shares closed at a new high of 301p, up 59p on the day.

News pays £20m on stores venture

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

News International, the media group, yesterday completed the £20 million acquisition of 50 per cent of the Arizona-owned Circle K convenience store chain in Britain.

The deal establishes a joint venture equal partnership between Circle K (UK) and News International for the future expansion of licensed Circle K stores throughout Britain and other European countries, including Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, France, West Germany, Spain and Italy.

Circle K, founded in 1951 by Mr Fred Harvey, a Texas businessman, has 134 convenience stores in England and the company said "an aggressive expansion and acquisition plan" was in place.

Convenience stores, says Circle K, are often open seven days a week, all year round, and 24 hours a day on some petrol station forecourts, and most customers spend less than £5. Employees are recruited locally and the number of lines on sale is typically about 4,000 and each week the store is visited by about 10,000 customers.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, head of News International, said yesterday: "The resources of News International, coupled with the operating expertise of the Circle K (UK) personnel, should make the joint venture a highly effective and profitable organization."

Circle K has more than 4,000 stores worldwide

GEC sets out to spend cash mountain

By John Bell, City Editor

GEC, Britain's biggest electronics and defence equipment group, is actively considering several possible acquisitions. The company, which has almost £1.3 billion in cash at its disposal, considers that the stock market crash has opened the way to buy companies at what it considers to be attractive prices.

Though GEC has spent £430 million on acquisitions in recent months, senior executives point out that all but one of them were "take-it-or-leave it opportunities".

"Conditions are much more favourable now than they have been for some time for a company like ours with the available resources to strengthen our core manufacturing businesses," a director said yesterday.

Lord Prior, the chairman, added that the company remained on the look-out for further opportunities which would help to keep the group growing when market conditons might be difficult for some of the group's businesses.

Pre-tax profits for the half year to end-September were £284 million, only £9 million ahead of last year's figure.

Analysts were sharply divided before the figures with some looking to see benefits from GEC's acquisitions programme working through to the profit-and-loss account. In the event, the published figure was at the bottom end of expectations.

Currency movements were adverse, reducing turnover by £60 million and pre-tax profits by £6 million compared with the exchange rates ruling at the end of September last year. GEC shares responded with a 8p fall to 155p.

Earnings per share showed a modest gain of 4.7 per cent to 6.7p. The most positive note in cautious statement was a 20 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 1.8p per share.

Lord Prior said that otherwise satisfactory trading profits had been adversely affected by retrenchment costs in parts of the business where current and expected demand indicated overcapacity. There had also been a need to provide for cost over-runs on a few major projects.

Particularly affected by these factors were industrial controls, electrical projects, mechanical handling, traffic automation, telephone division, GEC Computers, Norsk Marconi and Moteurs Baudouin.

Lord Prior said that the company was striving to improve further on its current levels of achievement especially in areas where performance failed to meet expectations. In these areas active steps were being taken to improve matters.

Sales in the half-year were almost static at £2.527 billion against £2.511 billion. Profits in the UK grew by £1 million to £146 million and in the rest of Europe they rose £4 million to £28 million. Profits in North and South America, advanced by £1 million to £26 million.

Lord Prior said that despite difficulties and setbacks he was confident that the group's resources and skills would carry it forward to realization of its ambition for profitable expansion during the years ahead.

Lord Young calls for more telecom competition

Europe's number up on 'phones

By Colin Narbrough

Mrs Thatcher's shaker and mover, Lord Young of Graffham, is clearly not to be contained within these shores. He yesterday effectively declared war on all governments which seek to keep their telecommunications markets safely in the hands of cosy national monopolies.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, perhaps inspired by Japan's decision to let foreign consortia enter its hitherto closed home market, called for a "massive" freeing of market forces in telecommunications in Europe and elsewhere, and pledged that Britain would lead the way.

Only days after the Government announced plans to further dismantle British Telecom's former monopoly by allowing rival firms to put up call boxes, he said a liberalized market was necessary if users' needs were to be met.

"I cannot emphasize strongly enough the importance we attach to opening up the European market for all telecommunications equipment and services," he told an industry conference in London.

Action was needed to create a truly common market in this area, which was still dominated by monopoly authorities that pursued purchasing policies favouring national standards and failed to respond to consumers' interests, he said.

Lord Young said the keys to opening the European market in telecommunications equipment were the creation of common European standards and ensuring that state monopolies were not responsible for approving equipment for connection to the telephone network.

He said he was glad to note that Western Europe as a whole was taking seriously the issue of standards, pointing to two programmes — Research on Advanced Communications in Europe, and Pan-European Digital Cellular Telecommunications — as positive examples.

Proposals from the European Commission to move towards an open EEC-wide market in telecommunications were also welcome, Lord Young said, but he cautioned against a Community system that, though well-intentioned, could inhibit rapid adjustment to changing market conditions and opportunities.

His cautionary remarks on Brussels' proposals were in line with the stance Mr Francis Maude, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, took at a meeting of EEC competition ministers

While Mr Peter Sutherland, the EEC Competition Commissioner, hailed the meeting as giving him a mandate to press ahead with attempts to regulate mergers and takeovers community-wide, Britain reserved its position.

The Government regards the proposed £1 billion combined worth figure, proposed by Mr Sutherland as a trigger for merger investigations, as too low. It also wants to ensure that an EEC merger-control body would not prolong the same procedures as Lord Young is urgently trying to speed up.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1850.46 (+16.91)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	22832.89 (+146.11)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2108.55 (–29.84)
Amsterdam: Gen	206.2 (+0.2)
Sydney: AO	n/a
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1325.7 (+3.1)
Brussels:	
General	3665.8 (–70.7)
Paris: CAC	288.8 (–5.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen	434.7 (+3.8)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	795.51 (–0.80)
FT–"500"	876.14 (–0.38)
FT. Gold Mines	338.3 (–13.7)
FT. Fixed interest	96.38 (–0.46)
FT. Govt Secs	89.76 (–0.52)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
VSEL	460p (+20p)
Birmid Qualcast	301p (+59p)
TNT	125p (+10p)
J Jarvis	650p (+50p)
Laird	215p (+13p)
Butte	135p (+10p)
Wellcome	382p (+9p)
Electrocomponents	189p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Brent Walker	245p (–20p)
GRE	767p (–30p)
Parrish	450p (–25p)
Shell	947p (–35p)
Morgan Grenfell	230p (–10p)
Elys	625p (–40p)
AC	350p (–25p)
Sun Life	895p (–15p)
Stylo	210p (–15p)
Shiloh	257p (–20p)
J Waddington	157p (–15p)
Avis Europe	237p (–16p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 8⅝-8⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 8⅝-8⅜% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 7⅝*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.55-5.53%*
30-year bonds 97²⁄₃₂-97²⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8205	£: $1.8190*
£: DM2.9947	$: DM1.6480*
£: SwFr2.4549	$: SwFr1.3505*
£: FFr10.2085	$: FFr5.6115*
£: Yen241.85	$: Yen132.90*
£: Index: 76.2	$: Index: 95.0
ECU £0.688541	SDR £0.750090

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $486.90 pm $487.80
close $491.00-491.50 (£269.75-270.25)
New York:
Comex $491.10-491.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm $17.80bbl ($17.88*
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cape Industries up but outlook cautious

Cape Industries, in which Charter Consolidated is a 67.2 per cent shareholder, reported a strong first-half advance but sounded a note of caution that changed conditions in world financial markets may lead to reduced demand for its products.

Interim pretax profit rose from £2.32 million to £4.68 million in the period ended September 30, and the interim dividend rises from 1p to 1.5p a share. Profits from building prodcuts rose from £3.83 million to £4.67 million. Group turnvoer rose to £74.2 million from £64.1 million.

Drummond dividend up

The programme of diversification, acquisition and investment in new plant continues to pay off at Drummond Group. The wool textiles group lifted pretax profits from £748,000 to £903,000 in the six months to September 30, with turnover up 12 per cent to £14.44 million. The dividend is up from 0.8p to 1p. Next year's order book is promising.

Atkins lifts payout to 3p

Atkins Brothers (Hosiery), the textiles group, lifted pretax profits from £458,000 to £575,000 in the first six months to September 30. Turnover slipped by £1 million to £9.2 million. The interim dividend is increased from 2.2p a share to 3p. The company says it has a good order book and the outcome for the full year should be satisfactory.

Monks & Crane rises

Monks & Crane has seen interim profits pass the £1 million mark in the six months ended September, and is raising the interim dividend from 1.1p to 1.2p a share. In February, the group acquired Sarjents Tools Stores, whose industrial interests have helped the group swing away from a retailing base. Further investment in industrial sales, in line with Monks' core business activity, is to be made.

Pretax profits for the six months were £1.009 million compared with £812,000, on turnover up from £13.7 million to £17.2 million. The outlook for the industrial tools and the fixings division suggests there will be "an excellent year-end result", the board says.

Logitek looks for growth

Logitek, the Manchester-based microcomputer distributor which came to the main market through a placing a year ago, plans further expansion after a sharp rise in interim pretax profits. They went up from £493,000 to £892,000 in the six months to September 30, on turnover of £9.35 million. Shareholders will receive a first interim dividend of 0.9p.

Plans delayed at Northern

Continuing difficulties in establishing a fair market price for Northern Securities Trust's portfolio of unlisted securities are delaying its partial unitization. The matter should be resolved shortly. Net asset value per share rose from 257p to 377.4p in the six months to September 30. Earnings per share rose to 4.42p and the interim dividend is 1p.

STOCK MARKET

General Cinema bid talk lifts Cadbury Schweppes

By Geoffrey Foster

Hopes of a full bid for Cadbury Schweppes, the chocolate and soft drinks group, continued to help the shares outperform the market as they closed 2p better at 230p following a turnover of 1.4 million shares.

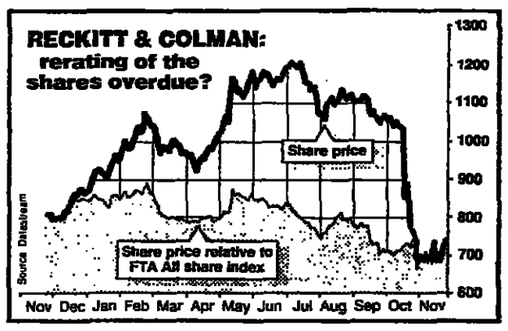
The company has been on full bid alert since the dawn raid last month by General Cinema, the American soft drinks bottler and cinema owner, which snapped up another 10 per cent of the shares at 220p. This lifted its total holding in Cadbury to 18.2 per cent and set it on course to buy at least the 25 per cent holding that it fixed as a possible target when it arrived abruptly on the scene in January.

Dealers have been hoping ever since that General Cinema would continue adding to its holding and then bid for the rest.

● De La Rue, the world's largest printer of banknotes, fell 2p to 373p, returning to the level at which Mr Robert Maxwell bought a 14.9 per cent stake at the end of October. Dealers suggest that he could start buying againbefore making a full-scale bid for the company.

Whispers in the market yesterday suggested that General Cinema is now about to pounce and dealers point to the resilient performance of the shares over the past couple of days — particularly on Monday — as a definite pointer that something is afoot.

Elsewhere, the equity market regained some composure as the world's leading central banks intervened and tried to stabilize the flagging dollar which had dropped to a record low on Monday amid continuing concern about the huge US budget deficit and fears of a US-led recession.



Equities, which were marked up at the outset, immediately found it hard going and started to drift lower in the absence of support. The firmer opening trend on Wall Street yesterday led to another attempted rally later in the day, but trading conditions remained extremely nervous and prices closed easier.

The FT-SE 100 share index, which plummeted through the psychological 1,600 level on Monday, moved between the extremes of 1,592.7 and 1,577.4 before ending the session 1.4 points lower at 1,578.5. The year's low of 1,565.2 was recorded on November 9. The FT index of 30 shares finished 1.1 points easier at 1,249.8.

Gilt-edged stocks lost their buoyancy as cheaper money hopes faded. Closing falls ranged to £¾.

Television companies retreated on worries about an all-out strike by the technicians developing as a result of the current dispute at TV-am. Anglia TV fell by 19p to 256p, HTV dropped by 13p to 209p, Scottish TV gave up 22p to 298p and Yorkshire TV plummeted 16p to 189p.

Shares of **Reckitt and Colman**, the food, drugs and toiletries group, which have plummeted from the £11.50p level to 670p in the market crash, moved up 3p to 710p, after 721p, in thin trading.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, believes that R&C is an attractive defensive stock given the current environment and suggests that a significant re-rating of the shares is overdue with a price of £8-a-share being the more appropriate level.

After recently visiting the company, analysts at BZW were suitably impressed with the group's businesses to upgrade their 1988 profit forecasts for the group by £5 million to £188 million.

About 20 per cent of the group's profits are contributed by ethical and over-the-counter pharmaceuticals, and most of the balance by income-sensitive household and toiletry products and basic foodstuffs. The fact that a substantial proportion of group borrowings is denominated in US and Australian dollars affords protection against adverse currency movements.

R&C is to acquire Kukident, a well-established West German dental business, next April at a bargain price and BZW expects it to contribute £3 million net to 1988 pretax profits. Profits from Durkee, the US foods business acquired last year, should also show through strongly during the second half of the year.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the bread and cakes group, moved up 7p to 288p as more than one million shares changed hands amid speculation that a bid for the company is around the corner.

Goodman Fielder, the Australasian food group, recently boosted its stake in the company to nearly 30 per cent and dealers have been on full bid alert ever since.

RHM has always regarded the stake as hostile and is refusing board representation to Mr Pat Goodman, chairman of Goodman. Only recently it brought in Mr John Gunn from British & Commonwealth as a non-executive director to strengthen its defences.

● Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, fell 8p to 186p. James Capel, the broker, has downgraded its profits forecast for the full year to £290 million because of concern about the group's US interests. Recently, the shares had been performing well on hopes that BTR will bid again.

Last month, RHM reported good preliminary figures, showing a 28 per cent rise in pretax profits to £116 million to keep shareholders happy.

Reed International, the British publishing, paper and packaging group, advanced by 9p to 345p on a turnover of one million shares.

Sold down from a level of £6-plus to £3 in the wake of the crash on fears about the group's exposure to the American economy, the shares are starting to perk up amid stories that a stake-building operation is under way.

The News Corporation of Mr Rupert Murdoch holds a strategic 2.4 per cent stake in Reed and has been widely tipped to be interested in adding to this. But dealers believe that recent buying has been transacted on behalf of his arch rival, Mr Robert Maxwell, who intends to build up a strategic stake of his own.

Bridon, the wire manufacturer, jumped 8p to 135p on talk that a bid is on the way. Carclo Engineering, the Yorkshire-based mini-conglomerate, which recently failed in its £25 million bid for Deritend Stamping, last week revealed it had acquired a 5.1 per cent stake in Bridon and ever since dealers have been waiting for a full bid

Birmid Qualcast, the Potterton boilers to New World cookers and lawnmowers group, which soared last week on the revelation that Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement supplier, had acquired a 2.6 per cent stake in the company, jumped 61p further to 302p as BCI attempted to increase its shareholding to nearer 15 per cent.

BP new shares drifted down 1.5p to 71.5p to stand within a whisker of the level at which the Bank of England has agreed to buy back unwanted stock. The offer is staying open until Friday next week after which it can be closed at any time with five days' notice. BP old shares closed 4p easier at 240p.

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Trafalgar sails on a cash boat

Bad luck with its failed bid for Pension Fund Property Unit Trust, rather than bad management, meant Trafalgar House closed off its September year end with cash balances of £442.5 million, and no net borrowings.

In present market conditions, and the world to choose from, that is no bad thing, and is almost equivalent to 88.5p a share.

But the share price yesterday remained all at sea, and looks likely to drift for a while until the magic that can be perceived in the group comes to the surface.

Net earnings a share are down again, and because there was so much lost ground to be made up after the poor first half, the year ended with pretax profits up only 11.9 per cent at £163.2 million.

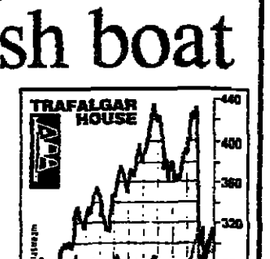
Property and investment (up from £76.4 million to £105.9 million) continues to provide most of the operating profits, and the advance was achieved without such a significant hand from share-dealing profits. Previously, those activities brought in £26.5 million. This time they made only £9 million, most of which was accounted for by the Davy profit.

Construction and engineering continued to move ahead, adding £8.7 million at £52.9 million, while shipping aviation and hotels dropped back from £38.5 million to £30.1 million.

The clouds of doubt which hang over everything, everybody and everywhere may — with the odd exception — largely pass by Trafalgar. Housing remains a strong platform with units running at 5,500 a year; the group's order book is running 22 per cent ahead of last year; and after the £25 million extraordinary provision, with a further £50 million or so adjustment via the balance sheet to come, that should be the end of the Scott Lithgow headache.

The cost-conscious dollar traveller may well go downmarket from The Ritz and select a cheaper cabin on the group's ships because of currency weakness, which could hold back these divisions. But overall profits growth to £216 million should still be possible.

Meanwhile, there is a 6.9 per cent yield for comfort. Given calmer seas and on a year's view, the price at present could prove cheap.



Calor Group

Shareholders in Calor Group will be feeling more than a little hard done by. Since being denied the opportunity of taking advantage of the 575p per share Burmah/SHV offer in October, they have seen the value of their shares slide, and they now stand at 413p.

Calor is not in a strong growth market, but as a business, it is in a very good position to withstand and even benefit from a recession.

Its raw material, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), is a dollar commodity so Calor's sterling costs will have been declining as the dollar has been falling. The dollar price fluctuates in the short term, but in the long term there is a tendency towards a surplus of LPG, indicating weaker prices, therefore lower feedstock costs, in future.

Despite growing competition, Calor is selling to a fairly captive market. A recession must bite deep for customers to turn off the heating.

As ever, the key to Calor's short-term performance is the weather. Warm weather in April and September caused the first half results to fall compared with last year. However, October's cold snap more than made up for that, and an early onset of winter usually benefits the group as once the heaters are turned on, they tend to stay on until the spring.

Pretax profits of about £53 million for the full year imply a prospective multiple of about 10. The Belgian group SHV still has 29 per cent of Calor and Burmah has 2.4 per cent. There is still a large bid premium in the price which is unlikely to disappear for as long as the market believes that Burmah is still lusting after Calor.

Lyons roars ahead

Allied-Lyons' pretax profits were in the middle of the range of expectations, but the shares still eased 4p to 321p.

The reaction looked somewhat unfair given good news on several fronts. Hiram Walker, in for the first full six months, made a very respectable contribution, after financing costs and minorities, of about £15 million. This was due to increased volume and better housekeeping, with the benefits of synergies still to come.

The food division continued to outperform, pushing up profits by 20.6 per cent. Efficient production and new products kept the momentum going. The introduction of summer puddings and now winter puddings offset a lower volume of ice cream sales due to the poor summer.

The beer division's profits before property gains rose 14 per cent against 28 per cent in the previous first half. Lager sales are growing faster than the competition and account for 51 per cent of beer sales against 48 per cent a year ago. Allied's Castlemaine XXXX has been outselling Foster's in recent months.

The wines and spirits division's 167 per cent profits leap was due entirely to Hiram Walker. The buying in of the 49 per cent minority in Hiram will allow Allied to rationalize its Teachers and Ballantyne scotch brands, which have two sets of stocks and five bottling plants between them.

Allied can also look forward to the sale of Hiram's oil and gas interests in the next two years for well over £150 million. Recent oil and gas discoveries have made the assets worth a great deal more than was thought.

Full-year profits of £440 million are expected, giving an undemanding p/e ratio of 8½.

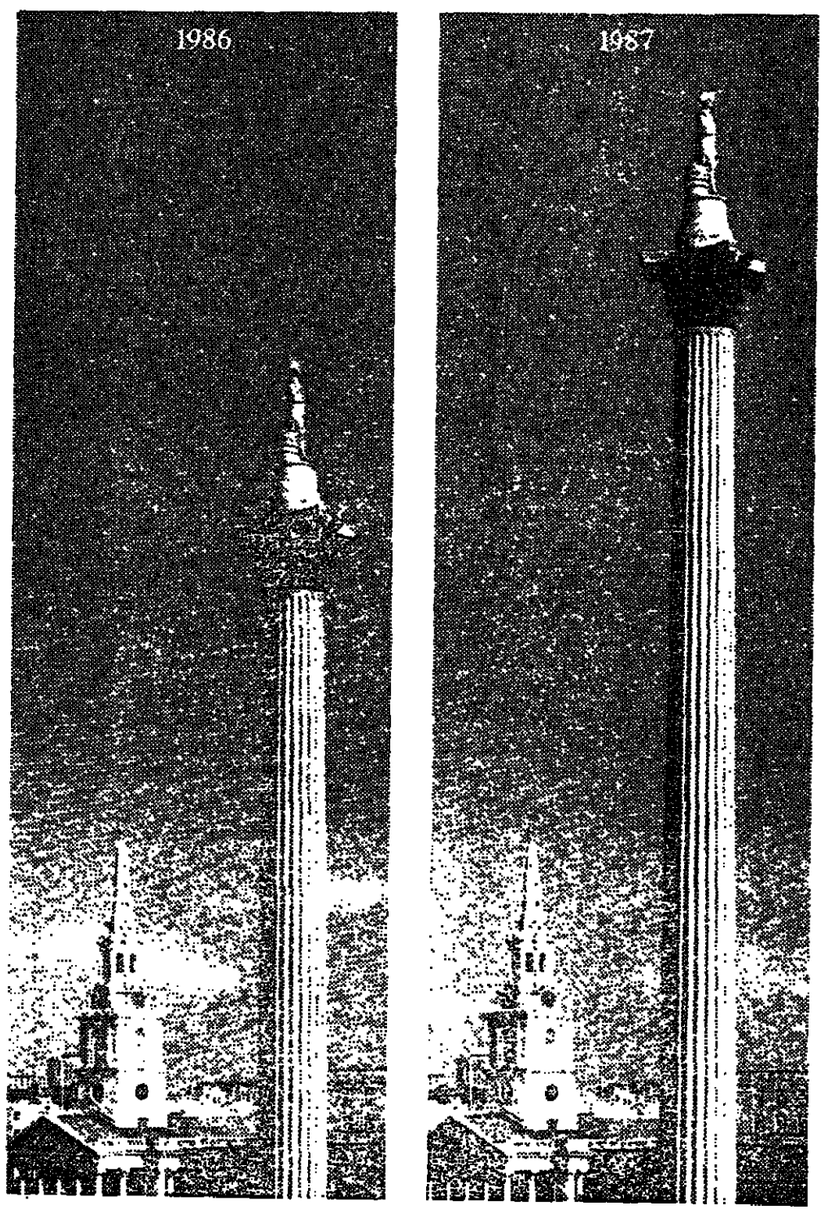
Trafalgar's latest results have made the outlook even better.

The results for the year ended 30th September 1987 show an improvement in operating profit of 19% on a turnover of £2.4 billion, up 14%.

Property and Investment again produced record profits with an outstanding contribution from Ideal Homes.

Construction and Engineering and Oil and Gas Divisions also reported increases in operating profits.

Shipping, Aviation and Hotels made a reduced contribution due to the QE2 being out of service during the first half of the financial year and lower profits from Cargo Shipping.



Shareholders' funds at September 1987 totalled £758 million compared with £441 million in September 1986.

After taking into account cash balances totalling £442 million, there were no net borrowings at the year end.

The final ordinary dividend of 8.0p (1986 7.0p) per share brings the total for the year to 14.5p, an increase of 10%. Shareholders will again be given the opportunity to take new Ordinary shares in lieu of the cash dividend.

1987 RESULTS	£m	Change v 1986
Property and Investment	105.9	+39%
Construction and Engineering	52.9	+20%
Shipping, Aviation and Hotels	30.1	-22%
Oil and Gas	5.6	+47%
Operating Profit	194.5	+19%
Profit before Tax	163.2	+12%
Profit after Tax	127.3	+11%
Ordinary Dividend	14.5p	+10%

With a strong balance sheet, a record order book and dedicated management, Trafalgar House is confident of further growth in its business in 1988 despite recent Stock Market uncertainty.

The 1987 Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 10th December 1987. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary, 1 Berkeley St., London, W1A 1BY.

TRAFALGAR HOUSE
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Birmingham Mint changes pay off with £1.62m profit

Diversification away from the traditional coin and medal-making business continues to bolster profits at Birmingham Mint. The sharp increase, however, in interim pretax profits reported yesterday, from £936,000 to £1.62 million for the six months to Sepember 30, belied near unchanged earnings of 9.4p per share.

Turnover rose 23 per cent to £16.6 million, partly reflecting full contributions from SJ&E Fellows, the steel products and presswork maker, and from the Johnson Matthey electrical contacts business, both of which were acquired in January. The half-way dividend is 0.25p better at 2.75p.

The electrical components division fared well. But the security products arm had fewer coins to process, and the start-up costs of new microwave oven casings contracts held back results.

Continuing its diversification away from security products, Birmingham Mint has formed a new electronics division centred on its recent acquisition of Nevin Electric.

Millward up 20%

Millward Brown, the market research group, yesterday reported a 20 per cent pretax profit increase to £851,000 for the six months to end-September. Turnover rose from £4.4 million to £7.4 million. Earnings per share were 7.7p (7.4p) and the interim dividend is maintained at 1.25p.

TI £7m sale

The TI Group is selling TI Stainless Tubes for approximately £7.1 million to Sandvik. The company employs about 550 people on two sites at Walsall, West Midlands and Chesterfield, Derbyshire. Both sites are being sold with the business and to assist continuity, Sandvik are taking a lease on the Chesterfield site from TI as part of the transaction.

Morris troubled

William Morris Fine Arts, the troubled wallpaper manufacturer, converted a modest profit of £194,000 into a pretax loss of £538,000 in the six months to June 30, with sales slumping from £4.7 million to £2.9 million.

Leeds leaps

The Leeds Group is to pay a final 4p dividend making 6.25p (5.2p adjusted) for the year ended September 30. With figures in £000s: turnover 22,175 (14,157), pretax profit 3,545 (2,374), tax 1,266 (902). Earnings per share 24.8p (16.4p adjusted).

Graham motoring

Graham Motor Group is to pay an interim dividend of 1.25p (0.5p) for the six months to September 30. With figures in £000s: turnover 32,996 (26,537) profit before tax 1,091 (892) tax 382 (312). Earnings per share 7.46p (6.59p).

Bumper Berry

Berry Trust will pay a dividend of 3.95p (1.1p) for the year to August 31. Pretax profit was £1,983,835 (£1,016,892) tax £500,956 (£335,151). Earnings per share — diluted 4.66p (2.15p) — undiluted 4.67p (2.15p) and net asset value per share 360.3p (296.2p).

Prontaprint lifts

Prontaprint Holdings, the print shop franchiser, yesterday unveiled evidence of its revived fortunes with pretax profits of £307,000 for the six months to October 9, compared with £80,000 previously. The interim dividend is 1p.

Ketson buy

Ketson is acquiring Epic Industrial Communications, a corporate communications company, for up to £3 million, subject to shareholders' approval. An initial £500,000 is payable at completion, via approximately £444,000 in cash and approximately £56,000 in shares

Boscombe down

The interim dividend at Boscombe Property is to be held at 1.75p despite a drop in net rental income and higher administrative expenses, which cut the interim pretax profit for the six months ended September from £94.9 million to £68.9 million. Net rental income was £76.6 million against £102.1 million. The company says repairs and renewals at San Remo Towers continues.

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British Gas urged to open industrial energy market

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Mr James McKinnon, who controls the formula that sets gas prices for the domestic consumer, is about to produce a report saying British Gas should change its policies to allow more competition in the industrial energy market.

Mr McKinnon, the head of Ofgas, the Government department which controls British Gas domestic pricing policy, and who administers the pricing formula that has led to cuts in domestic consumers' gas bills in the past year, is to issue a report on industrial gas prices soon.

Mr McKinnon said yesterday: "British Gas is not some 'barrow boy' company. It is one of the largest public limited companies in the country. It should not hide behind a cloak of secrecy."

The report will avoid making any recommendations on industrial pricing, but will concentrate on how competition can be introduced into the industrial market.

British Gas is facing EEC court action and a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into its industrial pricing policies.

Mr McKinnon said British Gas should publish a price list related to the volume of gas which companies contract to take. It should also make clear how its interruptable pricing policy works and should renounce its present contraints on how interruptable gas supplies are offered. (Companies are offered cheaper gas if they are prepared to have their supplies cut at short notice when national demand rises.)

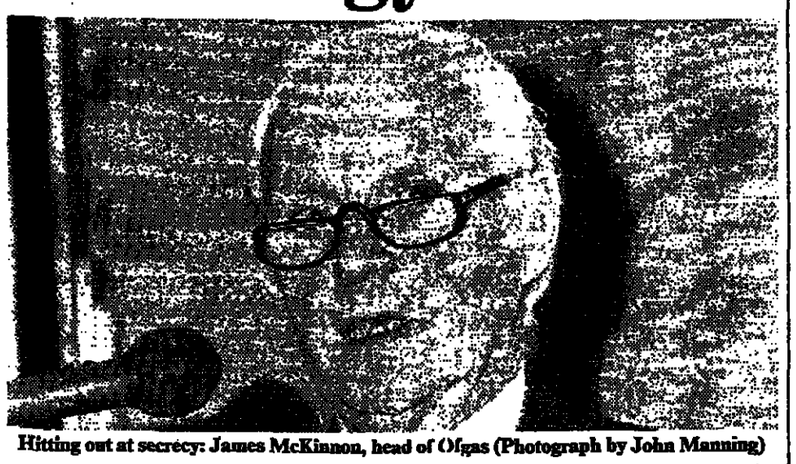
At present, Gas requires detailed information from companies on their fuel use before agreeing to interruptable supply contracts.

"British Gas should remove all this interference in other people's business," Mr McKinnon said, adding that the EEC restriction on gas being used for electric generation should be removed. "It is interference and something which should be looked at."

The Ofgas report will conclude that users would like an alternative gas supplier, but that the present gas reserves in the North Sea and from onshore fields are already contracted to Gas.

It will also point out that companies contracting to buy gas from private suppliers will be assured of alternative supplies from Gas at prices to be set by Ofgas.

It was also revealed yesterday that the first big industrial gas consumer to buy gas directly from gas producers — Innes Lee Industries, the brickmaker, is having talks with British Gas to use its network.



Hitting out at secrecy: James McKinnon, head of Ofgas (Photograph by John Manning)

Norcros jumps 22% in first half

By Alison Eadie

Norcros, the building products and specialist print and packaging group, made pretax profits in the six months to end-September of £24.6 million — a rise of 22 per cent. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £343.5 million.

Earnings per share bounced 32.6 per cent higher to 12.6p, helped by a lower tax charge. The profits were in line with forecasts made at the time of the unsuccessful £570 million bid from Williams Holdings, and the group is sticking to its forecast of £62 million pretax profit in the full year, excluding Triton, the electric shower acquisition.

The company would not comment about the possible compensation package for Mr Terry Simpson, the chief executive dismissed two weeks ago. Mr Simpson earned £109,000 a year and had a five-year service contract. A permanent replacement is being sought.

Norcros said it enjoyed margin improvement throughout the group, with printing and packaging margins rising to 15 per cent from 14.3 per cent. New product launches have helped margins to keep rising.

Investment in new plant was also a significant factor with capital spending set to rise to £40 million from £26 million last year. Norcros expects its end-year gearing to remain unchanged at 40 per cent, but points out that it has a very healthy interest cover of 8 times available profit.

Building materials manufacturing saw a significant improvement, but the results were not uniformly satisfactory, it said.

In building materials distribution, the UBM subsidiary is opening new outlets at a rapid rate with 14 new outlets and eight refurbished in the past six months. The biggest share of UBM's £20 million expansion was in the South-east.

Overseas operations made a useful increase in profit, but the base is still too narrow, Norcros said. It is looking for expansion opportunities either by acquisition or investment. The interim dividend was increased by 33.3 per cent to 12.6p.

COMMENT

All eyes on a modest German expansion

The focus of the financial markets has switched from Washington, and last month's messy budget deal, to West Germany. Today in Bonn the German cabinet will agree on an expansionary economic package and tomorrow in Frankfurt the Bundesbank will decide whether to ease monetary policy. And this without the spur of an imminent Group of Seven meeting.

But when the details of what emerges from the Federal Republic over the next two days are examined, they are likely to be found wanting.

The main thrust of the package to be approved today in Bonn is DM15 billion (£5 billion) of cheap loans to local authorities for investment in environmental projects, together with an extra DM6 billion (£2 billion) of credits at normal interest rates to companies.

Three things need to be said about this package. The net cost of a package which has as its main element an interest rate subsidy is clearly, in budget deficit terms, fairly small. The extra loans will be phased in over two or three years. The aim of the package is to bring growth next year up to the modest 2 per cent rate predicted for next year by the Bonn government.

The main significance of the package, as Giles Keating of Credit Suisse First Boston points out, is that it displays a German willingness to act — and perhaps a sign that the Bonn government is getting close to the point at which any further dollar fall would be extremely uncomfortable.

Whether this also applies at the Bundesbank, we will know after its council meeting tomorrow. Promises of lower interest rates have been made by politicians in Germany, including Chancellor Helmut Kohl. But such statements have probably made it more rather than less difficult for the Bundesbank to cut the discount rate tomorrow.

That said, unless something emerges from Frankfurt tomorrow by lunchtime, the markets will be mightily disappointed. The best guess is that the discount rate will be lowered by a quarter of a point to 2.75 per cent, equalling the low point reached briefly during 1959. The Bundesbank would then have another quarter point left in reserve to use, if necessary, when the Group of Seven meeting eventually does convene.

The Bank is worried about the pace of lending growth — the October money figures showed that a slowdown in sterling lending was more than matched by a sharp rise in foreign currency lending — and there are indications that the stock market crash will have the effect of boosting, rather than reducing, corporate borrowing. Base rates may come down to 8 per cent in the short term. But all such excursions into the sub-10 per cent territory should be regarded as strictly temporary.

GEC back in the cold

After facing several years of mumbling and grumbling in the City, Lord Weinstock's GEC edged back into the warmth of half-smiling approval this year through a series of medium-sized acquisitions and deals, which, among other things, promised finally to sort out the System X problem. Yesterday, GEC was back to earth with a bump.

In a big group with long-term contracts like GEC, the first half is rarely the powerhouse of the financial year. But this time the lights were flickering badly. Pretax profits edged up only from £275 million a year ago to £284 million, which amounts to a fall, allowing for Nimrod write-offs.

That was about £30 million adrift of what some re-optimized analysts had been forecasting. The main culprits were telecommunications — which at £30 million actually delivered less than the poor result a year ago — automation and control (down £7 million to £15 million) and the merged medical interests.

Lord Prior, the chairman, does not try to hide the disappointments, detailing a list of areas where there has been retrenchment or cost overruns.

This is not the first disappointment GEC has delivered. It left the shares another 8p lower at 155p yesterday, almost 30 per cent lower than three months ago and 40 per cent below the peak, far from the performance that might be expected from a classic defensive stock.

Yet GEC is moving ahead. Some £430 million of acquisitions to augment existing businesses contributed only £6 million in the half-year, though there was likewise little effect on income from the cash pile. And the £1.3 billion still languishing in the balance sheet looks considerably more valuable after the crash. Lord Weinstock will be able to make further buys without such painstaking search for situations where the switch from cash to trading profits does not hurt immediate earning. He evidently intends to do so.

Salvesen purchase

Christian Salvesen, the frozen food group, is strengthening its position in the West German frozen food distribution market by paying DM40 million (£13.4 million) cash for a 75 per cent stake in DEGES, a German distribution company owned by Unilever.

The company is a subsidiary of Langnese Iglo, the German manufacturer of frozen food, which is in turn owned by Unilever.

The distribution company will be renamed Christian Salvesen GmbH and will have a five-year contract with Langnese to provide frozen food distribution services.

Christian Salvesen has also taken an option to buy in the outstanding 25 per cent of the distribution group at a later date.

Colloids up 33%

Allied Colloids, the industrial chemicals group, reports pretax profits up 33 per cent to £16.9 million on turnover up 20 per cent to £79 million.

Mr Gordon Senior, the company secretary, said yesterday that some raw material price increases had been sustained and gave warning that more were likely in the second half. But efficiencies and price increases would balance this.

About 35 per cent of the group's turnover is in the United States and Canada, although Mr Senior did not anticipate a large sales slump if the US went into recession.

He said the group had sold the dollar forward at an exchange rate of $1.71 to the pound until August 1988. The interim dividend was raised from 0.5p to 0.65p net.

Polly Peck in 22% advance to £86.2m

It is cheaper to make colour television sets in Turkey than in Taiwan, the traditional home of low-cost electrical goods, reports Mr Asil Nadir's Polly Peck International.

The diversified group experienced a 22 per cent rise in pretax profits for last year to £86.2 million. Sales rose 39 per cent to £381 million.

The consumer electronics division doubled profits as it stepped up the pace of its export business. Polly Peck is now manufacturing colour televisions from its plant in Turkey under the Bush name.

Polly Peck's agricultural division also had a good year and is handling produce from Eastern Europe, the Far East and Latin America. The share price eased 6p to 255p.

Demerged Hogg broker down 8%

By Alison Eadie

Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain, the Lloyd's insurance broker which split off from the former Hogg Robinson Group when the TSB launched a hostile £282 million bid in the summer, made pretax profits in the six months to the end of September of £2.82 million, a drop of almost 8 per cent.

The costs of the demerger from the travel and financial services part of HRG and the successful defence against the TSB came to an extraordinary charge of £1.09 million net of profits on the disposal of shareholdings in subsidiary and associated companies.

Direct broking performed well, particularly in Britain and the US, the company said. Good profits continue from credit insurance and a new managing director for political risks has been recruited.

Two months ago HRGM came close to a legal action against Lloyd Thompson, the rival broker, over its poaching of political risks staff. In the end about five of the 17 HRGM staff involved in the departure threat left.

The London reinsurance and wholesale placing operations are experiencing difficulties in trading conditions

An interim dividend of 3p was recommended. HRGM is changing its year-end to the end of December from the end of March

Textiles group advances

by Lawrence Lever

Illingworth Morris, the specialist textiles group which has been revitalized by Mr Alan Lewis, its chairman and chief executive, has turned in profits before tax of £4.3 million for the six months to September 30, compared with £3.4 million in the corresponding period last year.

Turnover was only marginally up at £46.6 million, as against £45.3 million, or £43.1 million ignoring discontinued activities. Most of the increase in profits came from the group's operations, although increased interest and other income boosted the pretax figure.

The improved performance also comes through to earnings per share, which at 6.8p for the half-year are 23 per cent up on the 5.5p of the corresponding period.

The company has been transformed from an ailing textile group to a specialist cloth company that focuses on high quality, value-added products. It is the world's largest manufacturer of cloth for tennis balls and billiard table covers.

Profits after tax and stripping out minorities come to £2.7 million, compared with £2.3 million. Illingworth is lifting its interim dividend from 1.25p to 1.5p.

News to meet commission

From Richard Battley, Sydney

The News Corporation will meet the Trade Practices Commission today to discuss its proposed purchase of the interest in Australian Associated Press and Australian Newsprint Mills held by John Fairfax Ltd, the Sydney-based media group.

The News Corporation will be represented by its chairman, Mr Richard Searby, and the chief executive of its Australian operations, Mr Ken Cowley, at the talks in Canberra.

The commission has begun an inquiry to determine if the acquisitions would breach Section 50 of the Trade Practices Act, which governs market dominance.

Mr Cowley said in Sydney last night that The News Corporation had requested the meeting following inaccurate statements in papers owned by Fairfax.

"It would be wrong to draw fanciful and damaging conclusions about any arrangements made concerning AAP or ANM without the real facts."

"News is a responsible and credible publishing organisation and we intend to put our case strongly to the TPC."

If News succeeds, it will hold about 82 per cent of AAP, the country's sole national news agency, and 93 per cent of ANM, its main supplier of newsprint.

"OUR STRATEGY CONTINUES TO BEAR FRUIT."

Extracts from the interim statement to shareholders by Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, Chairman and Chief Executive of Allied-Lyons.

Pre-Tax Profit		Earnings per Share		Dividends per Share	
1987/8	1986/7	1987/8	1986/7	1987/8	1986/7
£197.5m	£148.0m	16.6p	14.4p	4.35p	3.9p
Up 33.4%		Up 15.3%		Up 11.5%	

For the 28 weeks to 19/09/87

"As we forecast when shareholders' approval was sought for its acquisition, Hiram Walker has made an excellent start, fully meeting our expectations. It has made a positive contribution, after financing costs and minorities, to Group results and the partnership with Allied Vintners is already prospering.

The Beer Division, which has progressed from its origins as a brewer to the status of a leading purveyor of hospitality, is also benefiting from the other legs of its strategy: strong brands and lower cost production.

The Food Division has extended its excellent growth record based on strong international brands, higher margin products and successful acquisitions.

We are committed to the development of new products to satisfy changing consumer markets worldwide."

Allied-Lyons

No labour of love for Blair

A million miles away from his constituency in Sedgefield, County Durham, Labour MP Tony Blair — opposition trade spokesman on consumer affairs — has, I hear, been the unfair victim of backbiting attacks by more traditional grass-roots members of his party. He is apparently coming under verbal attack, albeit behind his back, for seemingly holding court with numerous whiz-kids within the Square Mile — those highly-paid individuals whom the Labour Party historically loves to hate. It seems that some less well-informed members of the party are unaware that Blair, a former London barrister, is the unenviable man appointed by Neil Kinnock to carry out the Shadow Cabinet's investigation into the stock market crash. "I'm a one-man committee," says footsore Blair, "with a double brief — to suggest regulation to reduce volatility and to find out if there are ways to reduce speculation. I hope to report back to the Shadow Cabinet before Christmas." He has apparently had an exhausting schedule of lunches with British, American and Japanese investment houses, with a team of politically-sympathetic advisers in such houses to explain market sentiment. He steadfastly refuses to identify his helpers, and even though I later discovered their names myself, a series of frantic telephone calls from the parties involved persuaded me too to be uncharacteristically discreet. It is nevertheless disappointing that, in a democratic society, they should be so secretive about their political associations.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Order of the boot

Despite the death, temporarily at least, of yuppies, dinkies and bobos, the Square Mile still hasn't entirely lost its apparent insatiable penchant for acronyms. With all this scare talk doing the rounds of imminent and drastic job cuts within broking and banking firms, staff worried about their job security are said to be wondering if their firms operate a LIFO policy — last in, first out — a FIFO policy — first in, first out — or, for those optimistic souls still serving three or more months notice, waiting to start new jobs, a NIFO policy — next in, first out.

No sex please

For the unromantic British, sex and drink are non-starters when it comes to keeping warm in winter. According to a survey commissioned by Calor, the gas and heating group which yesterday announced its interim results, six times as many of us would rather don an extra sweater in order to keep warm than hop into bed with someone special or have a double brandy. The Welsh scored highest when it comes to keeping warm the romantic way — scoring 17 per cent against a national average of 11 per cent. And the hardy folk in north-east Britain came a close second — 16 per cent. The report also revealed that, given a roaring fire and a sheepskin rug, most men would choose to spend an evening with Joanna Lumley, while most women plumped for either Dirty Den of East-Enders fame or Mel Gibson.



Changing face of the City

● We all have our funny little ways. Millionaire publisher Malcolm Forbes, frequent escort these days of Elizabeth Taylor, may be renowned for his lavish parties and flamboyant life-style, but I'm told that when it comes to paper clips, he can't bear to pass one up. Forbes is apparently in the habit of collecting every paper clip that enters his office . . . .

Rose-tinted spectacle

Karl E. Watkin, the self-assured young managing director of Crabtree of Gateshead, a bustling management buyout that makes machinery for painting tin plate, injected a dose of drama into the Third International Tin Symposium at the Cafe Royal yesterday. In a bid to convince the industry that there is life after death for the tin market, which collapsed with the failure of the International Tin Council two years ago, Watkin's bullish message for the still-traumatized tin merchants was simple: "The future is so bright we've got to wear shades." To underline the hard-sell technique, he switched on a row of halogen lights beamed at his audience, having first issued them with dark glasses neatly packaged in (what else?) tin boxes. And Watkin is no mere stuntman. In its first year, his company has boosted its order book to £7 million from less than £500,000.

Friend Lee

The biography of highly-paid Chrysler chief Lee Iacocca has gone down in the history books by being the first non-reference book written by an American to be published in China, in the native tongue, Mandarin. In deference to the Chinese, all royalties from the sale of the book there will, I hear, go towards diabetes research in China, while US royalties go to Iacocca's very own foundation, established to fund research into the disease when his wife Mary died from it in 1983.

Carol Leonard

Touche Remnant denies split with TR Tech board

By Lawrence Lever

Touche Remnant, the investment group, yesterday dispelled suggestions that there was a rift between it and the board of TR Technology Investment Trust, one of the investment trusts it manages.

The suggestions have arisen because the TR Technology board rejected proposals to restructure the trust which Touche Remnant and its advisers considered "fair and reasonable" but did not recommend.

TR Tech, which has net assets of about £320 million, is currently being stalked by Firmandale, a Jersey company advised by Berkeley Govett.

On Monday, Firmandale, which has built a 27 per cent stake in TR Tech, requisitioned an extraordinary general meeting to consider proposals to narrow the trust's discount to net assets and giving Berkeley Govett partial or total management of the trust.

Firmandale put forward two sets of proposals. One was labelled "joint proposals" and based on a document submitted to the TR Tech board on October 23 by Firmandale and Touche Remnant, the trust's managers, which said they were reasonable.

However, the proposals were rejected by the TR Tech board, which is considering alternative proposals.

Mr Paul Manduca, the vice-chairman of Touche Remnant, publicly declared his support for the TR Tech board yesterday.

"Touche Remnant fully supports the board of TR Technology and expects the board to put better proposals to shareholders in due course than those put forward by Firmandale and Berkeley Govett," said Mr Manduca.

The "joint proposals" would involve reorganizing TR Tech into a split capital investment trust with the aim of narrowing or reducing the discount.

Firmandale is also putting forward alternative proposals which would involve transferring the management contract to Berkeley Govett alone.

Banesto resists bid

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Banco Español de Crédito (Banesto), one of Spain's leading banks, yesterday called together its 800 managers and senior executives to instruct them to ask its shareholders to help fight off the hostile takeover bid launched by the Banco de Bilbao on Monday.

Banesto shareholders have been made an offer which, according to Bilbao, will mean a premium of more than 40 per cent on the price when the bank's shares were suspended on November 20, when Bilbao originally revealed a plan for a friendly merger.

Señor Felipe González, the prime minister, meanwhile drew back yesterday from the government's public support for bank mergers, stressing a neutral position between the two rival banks.

WORLD MARKETS ROUNDUP: TOKYO

Bargain-hunting interest leads to revival in shares

Tokyo (Reuter) – Share prices closed higher yesterday as afternoon bargain-hunting and a less volatile dollar revived the market after a nervous morning, brokers said.

The Nikkei share average gained 146.11 points, or 0.64 per cent, to 22,832.89, after hitting 22,301.76. The index lost 365.45 points on Monday. Advances equalled declines on a turnover of 400 million shares against 270 million on Monday.

Wall Street's loss on Monday initially disturbed investors, but then bargain-hunting interest grew, especially towards export-related shares. Shares in the communication, electrical, some manufacturing, precision instrument, textile and pulp/paper sectors led the advance.

Brokers said that the dollar's remaining above Y132 and the continued recovery of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone shares from morning lows helped boost market morale.

"NTT is being supported by institutional investors and individual investors," said one analyst. "They realize if NTT falls, the market goes down also."

Brokers had been concerned about NTT's recent slip below its initial Y2.55 million offering price. NTT closed Y40,000 yen higher at Y2.52 million yesterday.

Export-related shares, usually adversely affected by a weak dollar, were seen as likely bargains and became a focus of buying, brokers said.

"It's test-buying by investment trusts," a broker said. "They're dipping their toes in to see what the response is, and it's been good."

Another broker said the technical position for export-related stocks may be right for short-term trade.

The low volume indicated that despite the gain the market was still pessimistic, brokers said. "No one would want to really buy anything after what happened in New York," a broker said.

"It's an impressive recovery, but we're still very vulnerable to what happens in the US," another broker said.

"The volume is not entirely convincing." Brokers said the market was anticipating October US trade data this month.

Brokers' views were mixed as to the outlook for the public sale of about 48.2 million shares in Japan Air Lines held by the government. According to reports, the shares will be sold at a 3.5 per cent discount from the closing price of JAL shares already trading.

"Investor confidence is the big question mark," a broker said. "Will they be able to convince investors to buy? The price is already pulling off right now." JAL closed Y500 lower at Y16,500.

But other brokers were more optimistic towards the sale.

NEW YORK

Dow moves up on early dollar gains

(Reuter) – Wall Street stocks remained higher but the number of declining issues was closing the wide lead held by advancing shares in early trading yesterday. Blue chips were substantially off their highs.

Brokers said stocks gained on a recovery in the dollar, but added it was artificial, based on concerted central bank support.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 22.22 at 1,855.77 at one stage after rising to 1865. The transport indicator rose 8.86 to 704.00. Advancing shares led declining issues by about two-to-one.

Transport issues which were hit on Monday showed gains yesterday.

● Standard and Poor's Corporation said it may downgrade the ratings on Primerica Corporation's $740 million (£404 million) debt, citing the company's five million share repurchase.

The rating agency said the buyback occurs when asset disposals are taking longer to complete and proceeds may be less than anticipated. Because of this, financial leverage should remain at high levels for a longer period than expected, it said.

"Primerica's earnings outlook for the remainder of 1987 and 1988 indicates a lesser capacity to service existing debt than had previously been assumed." S&P added that it may downgrade Primerica's senior debt to BB rating from BBB.

Also on S&P creditwatch with negative implications are Primerica's BBB-minus subordinated debt, BB-plus preferred stock and A-2 commercial paper.

Primerica's subsidiary, Smith Barney, Harris Upham and Co, underperformed S&P's expectations and will probably require capital from Primerica, S&P said.

Primerica acquired Smith Barney for $750 million in June.

	Nov 30	Nov 27		Nov 30	Nov 27		Nov 30	Nov 27
AMR Cp	30	31	Firestone	31½	32¾	Pepsico	31	32¾
ASA	51⅝	55¾	Fst Chicago	18⅝	20⅛	Pfizer	46¾	48¾
Aetna Life	44⅜	45⅝	Fst Int Bncp	41⅞	41⅝	Phelps Dod	40	44⅝
Allied Signal	29	29⅝	Fst Penn C	8⅝	8⅝	Philip Mor	85⅝	88⅛
Allis Chlm	1⅛	1⅛	FT Wachva	32⅝	32⅝	Philip Ptrl	10⅞	11⅛
Alcoa	44	46½	Ford Motor	70⅝	73	Polaroid	20⅜	21½
Amax Inc	18	19⅛	GAF Cp	40⅝	43¾	Primerica	25½	27
AMR Hess	22⅝	23⅜	GTE Cp	35⅝	37⅛	Procr Gble	81⅞	84⅝
Am Brands	37⅛	40⅜	Gen Cp	68½	70⅝	Pub S E G	23⅝	24⅛
Am Cynmd	35⅞	38⅛	Gn Dynam	43¾	43⅝	Raytheon	63¾	64⅛
Am Ele Pwr	25	25⅝	Gen Electric	42⅝	43⅝	Rychlds Med	41⅛	46⅛
Amerce	22⅜	23⅝	Gen Inst	25	25⅝	Rockwell Int	16⅝	17⅜
Am Home	66	69⅜	Gen Mills	44	44⅝	Royal Dutch	104½	107½
Am Int Grp	56⅛	61	Gen Motors	56⅞	58⅝	SFE Sopac	46⅝	49⅝
Am Stand	31⅞	34⅛	Gen Pub Ut	24⅞	25⅛	Sara Lee	32⅛	33
Am Telph	26⅜	28	Genesco	3⅜	3⅝	Schlumb	29⅝	30⅝
Amoco Cp	64⅜	66⅞	Georgia Pac	31½	32⅝	Scott Pap	58⅛	61⅛
Armco Steel	9¼	10⅜	Gillette	28⅝	30⅛	Seagram	52⅛	54⅝
Asarco Inc	25⅞	28	Goodrich	30⅜	33⅛	Sears Roeb	32⅛	33⅛
Ashland Oil	52⅝	54½	Goodyear	48⅝	51	Shell Trans	71½	71⅜
Atl Richfld	68½	70⅝	Gould Inc	11	11½	Singer	51½	53
Avon Prod	22⅛	23⅛	Grace Cp	42⅜	44⅜	Smith Beck	44⅛	45⅝
Bk Boston	22	23	Grt Atl Pac	31⅝	33⅝	Sony Cp	34⅜	35⅝
Bank NY	26⅜	27⅞	Greyhnd	24½	25⅞	Sth Cal Ed	31⅜	31½
Bankamer	8	8⅛	Grumman	20⅜	22⅛	SW Bell	33⅜	35⅜
Bkrs Tst NY	27½	29⅛	Gulf & West	67⅜	70⅝	Squibb	60⅛	62⅛
Baxter	21⅛	22⅝	Heinz	36⅜	37⅝	Starl Drug	46	48⅝
Beth Steel	12⅜	14½	Hercules	43⅝	45⅛	Stevens JP	25⅛	27½
Boeing	34½	35⅝	Hewlett Pk	45⅝	49⅛	Sun Comp	45⅝	49⅝
Boise Casc	60	64⅜	Honeywell	55⅞	56	TRW Inc	42⅜	43⅜
Borden	43	45⅛	IC Ind	28⅝	30	Teledyne	281	289
Bristl Meyr	37⅜	40⅛	ITT Cp	43⅝	46⅞	Tenneco	40	42
BP	53⅜	54⅜	INCO	16⅝	18⅛	Texaco	31⅝	33⅛
Brunswick	12	14⅛	Ing Rand Wf	31⅛	32⅝	Tex Eastn	23⅞	24⅜
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a	Inland Steel	24⅛	26⅝	Texas Inst	41⅛	41⅞
Burl Nth	57⅜	57⅜	IBM	111⅞	114½	Tex Util	28⅞	29
CBS	155⅞	164⅜	Int Paper	36⅞	38½	Textron	20⅜	21⅛
Cmss Engy	13⅜	13⅝	Irving Bk	48⅝	50⅜	Travelers	33	34½
CPC Int	36	37⅛	Jhsn & Jhsn	72⅜	76⅛	USG	27⅜	29⅜
CSX Cp	24½	25⅝	K Mart	27	27⅞	USX Cp	26⅝	29
Cmpbell Sp	51⅞	54⅜	Kaisertech	8⅜	9½	Unilever Plc	31½	34⅜
Can Pacific	14½	15	Kerr McGee	31⅝	34⅛	Un Carbide	19⅜	20⅜
CaterpillAr	56⅝	59⅜	Kimberly Clrk	50⅛	52⅛	Un Pac Cp	49½	52
Centrl SW	29	22⅝	Kratt	45	47⅜	Unisys Cp	28⅜	30⅜
Champion	30⅜	32⅛	Kroger	24½	25⅛	Utd Brands	41	42⅛
Chase Man	22⅞	24⅜	LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅜	Utd Tech	31½	34⅛
Chem NY	25⅞	25⅝	Litton	68⅛	72½	Unocal	23⅛	25⅞
Chevron	36⅛	36⅝	Lockheed	34⅛	35⅞	Lucky Str	21½	23⅜
Chrysler	20¾	22	Lowes	25⅜	26⅝	Man H'nver	25⅜	26⅝
Citicorp	17⅝	18	Clark Eq	23⅜	25⅛	Manville	2⅝	2⅝
Coca Cola	37	38⅛	Coca Cola	37⅛	38⅛	Mapco	42⅞	43⅜
Colgate	37⅛	38⅝	Columb Gas	37⅝	38⅛	Marine Mid	82	82⅝
Columb Gas	37⅝	38⅛	Cmb'tn Eng	28	28⅛	Mr Marietta	38⅝	39⅛
Cmb'tn Eng	28	28⅛	Cmwlth Ed	27⅝	28⅝	Masco	20⅛	21⅛
Cmwlth Ed	27⅝	28⅝	Cons Eds	42	42⅞	Mcdonalds	41⅞	43⅜
Cons Eds	42	42⅞	Consol Ng	36⅝	37	McDonnell	57⅜	59
Consol Ng	36⅝	37	Cont Data	22⅛	23⅛	Mead Cp	28⅝	30⅛
Cont Data	22⅛	23⅛	Corning Gl	47½	49	Merck	170	175⅞
Corning Gl	47½	49	Crane	20⅝	20⅝	Minsta Mng	58⅛	60⅝
Crane	20⅝	20⅝	Curtiss Wrt	45⅝	46⅛	Mobil	33⅜	35⅛
Curtiss Wrt	45⅝	46⅛	Data Genl	20	20⅝	Monsanto	70	72⅝
Data Genl	20	20⅝	Deere Co	32⅜	33⅛	Morgan Jp	31⅛	32⅜
Deere Co	32⅜	33⅛	Delta Air	33⅜	35⅝	Motorola	40⅛	42⅜
Delta Air	33⅜	35⅝	Detroit Ed	13⅝	14⅛	NCR	62⅞	63⅜
Detroit Ed	13⅝	14⅛	Digital Eq	118⅝	125	NL Indstrs	4⅞	5⅛
Digital Eq	118⅝	125	Disney	52⅞	54⅝	Nat Distill	58⅜	61
Disney	52⅞	54⅝	Dow Chem	77⅜	80½	Net Md Ent	17⅝	18⅝
Dow Chem	77⅜	80½	Dresstr Ind	20⅝	22	Net Semi	11⅛	12⅜
Dresstr Ind	20⅝	22	Dupont	78⅛	81½	Norfolk Sth	23⅝	24⅛
Dupont	78⅛	81½	Duke Pwr	43	43⅞	NW Bancrp	35⅝	37⅛
Duke Pwr	43	43⅞	Eastk Kodak	45½	47⅛	Occid Petl	24⅜	25⅝
East Kodak	45½	47⅛	Eaton Cp	73⅛	75⅝	Ogden Cp	24⅛	25⅛
Eaton Cp	73⅛	75⅝	Emerson El	29⅛	31½	Olin Cp	36⅛	38⅛
Emerson El	29⅛	31½	Emery Air	4⅜	4⅜	PPG Ind	32	33⅝
Emery Air	4⅜	4⅜	Exxon	36½	39⅛	Pac Gas El	17⅝	17⅞
Exxon	36½	39⅛	Farrah Inc	7⅛	7⅞	Pan Am	4⅛	4⅜
Farrah Inc	7⅛	7⅞	Feddars	5⅝	5⅝	Penney JC	41⅝	46
Feddars	5⅝	5⅝				Pennzoil	75	74½

HONG KONG

Market ends lower but makes up lost ground

Hong Kong (Reuter) – Share prices closed lower, but recovered most of the ground lost in the morning as the US dollar stabilized and Tokyo stocks ended firmer, brokers said.

The Hang Seng index shed 29.84 points to 2,108.55 after lagging by 66 points in early trading.

The broader-based Hong Kong index fell 19.56 points to 1,386.17, while turnover rose to HK$934.12 million (£66.39 million) from HK$802.38 million on Monday.

Brokers said investors still had doubts over the direction of the dollar and world stock markets, but bargain-hunting and technical support emerged at the market lows.

Among blue chip stocks, Hongkong & Shangai Banking Corporation lost five cents to HK$6.80, Hongkong Land fell 25 cents to HK$6.95, China Light 20 cents to HK$15 and China Gas 50 cents to HK$11.60.

Most property firms outperformed the market, with New World steady at HK$6.90, Hang Lung Development five cents up at HK$4.55 but Sun Hung Kai Properties fell five cents to HK$8.25.

FRANKFURT

Early hopes on growth fail to spark buying

Frankfurt (Reuter) – West German shares fell back from a steady opening yesterday to end with only small gains as initial optimism about the firmer dollar and moves to boost West German growth failed to spark any real buying, dealers said.

News that there would be a new Bundesbank securities repurchase pact this week, at a rate of 3.25 per cent, had boosted hopes that a discount rate cut would emerge from tomorrow's regular Bundesbank meeting.

Plans for an investment programme by the West German government which would seek to raise growth to 2 per cent from the forecast 1.5 per cent for this year also fuelled initial optimism, but this was not followed through.

The Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index, calculated four times during trading, ended at 277.00 after the previous day's final 275.01. The Commerzbank 60-share index, set at mid-session, rose to 1,325.7.

Among the banks, Dresdner rose DM2 to DM227 and Commerzbank firmed DM2.80 to DM217.80. But Deutsche, whose 10-month results are due today, fell DM7.50 to DM405.50.

APPOINTMENTS

A G Stanley lines up new executives

A G Stanley Holdings: Mr Peter Kirby becomes managing director, Fads; Mr Mel Priestly is appointed managing director, Decor 8. Mr Pat Harms becomes director and group chief accountant. Mr John Bernard is named group marketing and buying director. Mr John Noble becomes group property director. Mr Harry Adams is appointed director, distribution and Ripolin Paints.

Standard Life: Mr Jim Stretton will become deputy chief executive on March 31.

Dairy Crest: Mr Geoffrey John and Mr Richard Fletcher join the board.

Davy Offshore: Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith becomes a non-executive director.

Albion Manufacturing: Mr John Newgas has been appointed design and colour director. Mr Charles Newgas is named marketing director.

Country Weigh: Mr John Vallance becomes deputy managing director; Ms Georgina Russell is named associate director, personnel and training; Ms Heather Chambers becomes associate director, operations and marketing.

Russell Hobbs Tower: Mr Graeme Christie becomes marketing director.

Lloyds Bank: Mr Donald Lyon has been appointed a regional director, Yorkshire and Humberside.

Declan Kelly: Mr Doug Smith becomes a main board director.



Jim Stretton: next Standard Life deputy chief executive

SYDNEY

Elders races ahead on £1.7bn BHP bid talk

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Two rumours dominated the market yesterday – that BHP, Australia's biggest company, had launched an Aus$4.4 billion (£1.7 billion) takeover bid for Elders IXL, the brewing conglomerate; and that Mr Robert Holmes à Court's Bell Group was about to augment its Aus$1 billion cash warchest by Aus$365 million.

The BHP offer was said to be Aus$4 cash for each Elders share or one BHP share plus Aus$11 for four Elders shares.

BHP yesterday officially denied planning a bid for Elders. The Stock Exchange, however, queried Elders after its shares raced 25 cents to Aus$3.50. They closed at Aus$3.45.

There was also speculation that the Bell Group would dispose of its 104.5 million Pioneer shares at Aus$3.50 each. This, say analysts, would mean an Aus$50 million loss.

The speculation, however, could neither be confirmed nor denied. Bell Group shed 10 cents to Aus$1.90.

Brokers estimated the key All-Ordinaries index shed 25 points to close at 1,305. There was no exact measure due to a computer malfunction.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 30	December 11	March 3	March 14

Call options were taken out on: 1/12/87 Trinwood, Eagle Tst., Pillington, Pleasey, Tricentrol, Stormguard, London Secs., Astra Hldgs., North Kalgurli Mines, Phicorn, Julia Mines, Morgan Grenfell, LIG, Pentland Indis., Rolls-Royce.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon ('317)	300	30	43	53	13	75	92
	330	15	25	37	30	40	53
	360	7	16	25	53	60	68
Bass ('779)	750	58	87	108	35	55	68
	800	35	63	85	95	92	95
	850	17	45	68	95	115	130
Brit Air ('130)	120	17	19	23	11	15	19
	140	7	14	19	17	25	25
	160	4	10	13	33	35	38
Brit Com ('293)	300	30	50	65	23	35	45
	330	12	30	40	45	55	60
	360	5	20	30	70	75	85
Brit Gas ('119)	120	10	14	20	8½	15	18
	130	6	11	15	15¼	21	23
	140	—	6	11	—	28	31
BP ('244)	240	17	26	32	11	22	28
	260	10	17	25	24	34	40
	280	—	12	20	—	48	53
Britoil ('179)	200	7	18	25	27	34	41
	220	4½	13	18	45	50	56
	240	2	9	14	63	66	71
Cons Gold ('680)	700	210	240	280	15	27	50
	750	170	200	240	40	48	70
	800	130	160	200	45	68	95
Courtauld ('319)	300	33	50	62	15	25	35
	330	18	35	47	30	38	50
	360	7	25	37	60	62	72
	390	2	18	28	75	85	95
Com Union ('283)	280	30	42	50	13	22	32
	300	20	32	40	22	37	47
	330	8	22	27	48	57	65
C & W ('236)	280	47	62	75	9	20	30
	300	35	52	65	15	26	40
	330	22	43	57	25	35	50
	360	12	28	42	47	48	67
GEC ('157')	160	11	19	29	13	18	22
	180	4	12	18	27	33	38
	200	2	7	13	46	48	52
GKN ('253)	240	30	38	46	15	21	26
	260	18	26	35	23	32	37
	280	10	18	27	34	45	49
	300	5	13	21	51	60	63
Grand Met ('382)	360	42	52	65	12	28	35
	390	23	35	48	27	43	48
	420	13	25	38	47	57	63
	460	5	15	27	83	88	93
ICI ('975)	950	70	110	135	40	80	95
	1000	50	90	115	70	105	125
	1050	35	65	90	105	140	155
	1100	20	50	75	145	175	195
Jaguar ('279)	260	25	37	48	24	35	42
	300	18	29	38	34	50	55
	330	9	22	28	59	67	75
Land Sec ('415)	390	43	57	78	17	30	46
	420	27	47	60	35	43	55
	460	15	22	48	65	78	80
M & S ('172)	160	11	20	24	18	22	28
	200	4	14	18	32	34	38
	220	2	9	12	50	54	56
R-Royce ('105)	110	6	13	16	13	16	22
	120	5	9	14	20	25	28
	130	3	7	11	28	33	38
	140	2½	4	8	37	41	46
Sainsbury ('211)	200	18	18	24	20	28	33
	240	5	12	17	35	40	43
	260	1½	8	12	53	55	60
Shell ('973)	950	95	116	135	45	88	108
	1000	60	92	120	70	115	130
	1050	40	72	100	100	145	155
Storehse ('245)	220	33	45	50	8	15	20
	240	20	33	42	17	25	30
	260	13	25	32	28	36	43
	280	8	18	25	43	48	55
Tesco ('300)	280	35	45	55	20	27	30
	300	22	35	45	32	37	45
	330	12	25	32	52	55	60
TSB ('105)	100	12	16	20	6	8	12
	110	6	11	15	10	14	17
	120	6	8	11	20	23	25
Woolworth ('244)	280	20	30	35	25	35	40
	300	10	20	28	45	50	55
	330	2	10	13	85	90	90

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad ('107)	100	14	21	26	5	10	14
	110	7	14	20	10	16	20
	120	4	12	19	15	21	25
Barclays ('434)	420	25	52	70	12	30	42
	460	10	32	47	37	50	57
	500	4	22	30	70	75	85
Beecham ('425)	360	70	86	103	2	12	18
	390	40	65	84	6	22	33
	420	20	46	65	17	35	46
	460	8	30	48	43	56	68
Boots ('213)	220	12	25	32	17	23	30
	240	4	15	23	33	38	43
	260	2	10	17	53	55	60
BTR ('249)	240	16	35	42	7	18	25
	260	7	25	32	18	25	30
	280	3	18	23	35	40	47
Blue Circ ('291)	300	13	35	43	22	32	43
	330	4	20	28	45	53	57
	360	2	12	18	73	80	85
Dixons ('197)	200	13	26	33	15	20	25
	220	7	20	23	30	35	38
	240	2	12	17	48	50	52

December 1, 1987 Total: 20802 Calls 12335 Puts 8477 *Underlying security price.

FT-SE: Calls 1928 Puts 1635

FT-SE INDEX ('1678)

Series	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1550	87	120	142	162	46	67	85	103
1600	61	93	115	135	73	92	110	130
1650	43	72	93	115	103	118	138	155
1700	25	53	76	—	140	153	170	—
1750	15	37	60	—	182	192	200	—
1800	9	27	47	—	230	236	240	—
1850	7	20	—	—	280	280	—	—
1900	4	16	—	—	330	330	—	—

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Brit Pet P/P	71½ –1½
Butte Mining (100p)	135 +10
Chartsearch	24½ –2½
Co of Designers (100p)	108 +2
Dolphin Packg (106p)	108 –2
Explaura	21½ +2
Fairway Ldn	75 –1
Gaelic Res	4½
Hard Rock Cafe	130 –5
Do 'A'	104 +3
ISA Intl (80p)	88 –1
Knobs Knockers	80 –2
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	127 –3
Marcol Group	63
Mayne Nickless	175 –5
Power Corp	65 –6
Record (65p)	66 +1
Rolls-Royce (170p)	104 –2
Rural Plan	86 –2
Sec Archives	148 –2
Shaftsbury (180p)	110 –5
Stanhope Props (250p)	133 –4
Sykes-Pickavant	118
Tomorrows Leisure	33 –3
Trevian Hldgs	70
Tubular Exhib	20
URS Intl	56
USDC Inv	111 –2
Wilshaw Secs	23 +1
Zetters Leis	130

RIGHTS ISSUES

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(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	2,629	Costs	1,578	Land Sec	987	Rowntree	477
Allid-Lyons	7,056	CU	891	Laporte	36	Royal Bank	418
Amstrad	609	Cons Gold	344	L&G	764	Royal Ins	1,071
ASDA	8,269	Cookson	1,278	Lloyds	2,926	Saatchi	439
ABJFoods	108	Courtaulds	370	Lonrho	448	Sainsbury	1,305
Argyll	939	Dalgety	255	Lucas	29	Scot & N	2,138
BAA	433	Dee	2,935	Magnet	264	Sears	3,218
BET	965	Dixons	905	M&S	1,513	Sedgwick	485
BTR	1,635	ECC	792	Maxwell Cm	376	Shell	1,667
BAT	2,039	Enterprise	856	MEPC	583	Smith & N	871
Barclays	2,232	Ferranti	269	Metal Box	442	STC	1,265
Bass	481	Fisons	1,151	Midland	883	Stan Chart	340
Beecham	1,121	Gen Acc	619	NatWest	1,521	Storehse	459
Beazer	417	GEC	8,246	Next	517	Sun Alnce	478
BICC	497	Glaxo	1,332	Nth Food	827	T & N	296
Blue Arrow	4,747	Globe	94	P&O	1,149	Tarmac	1,796
Blue Circle	1,185	Granada	1,092	Pearl	524	Tate & Lyle	225
BOC	428	Grand Met	2,160	Pearson	123	TSB	1,237
Boots	2,715	GUS 'A'	48	Pilkington	4,200	Tesco	1,869
BPB	898	GRE	815	Pleasey	3,098	Thorn EMI	534
Br Aero	1,756	GKN	775	Prudential	358	Trafalgar	1,193
Br Airways	1,084	Guinness	1,190	Racal	2,842	THF	1,175
Br Comm	539	Hamm 'A'	129	Rk Hovis	1,220	Ultramar	542
Br Gas	5,894	Hanson	5,859	Rank	700	Unigate	159
Br Petrol	12,888	Hawker	1,133	R&C	494	Unilever	804
Br Telecm	3,240	Hawley	2,795	Redland	731	United Bis	736
Britoil	808	Hillsdown	1,755	Reed	1,023	Utd News	223
Bunzl	523	IMI	289	Reuters	1,170	Wellcome	1,350
Burmah	109	ICI	2,338	RMC Gp	256	Whitbrd	764
Burton	1,360	Jaguar	1,427	RTZ	1,529	Wilks Fab	321
C&W	3,271	Lasmo	173	R-Royce	5,073	Woolworth	1,156
Cadbury	1,403	Ladbroke	1,377	Rothmn 'B'	629	Equities page 29	

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offr	Chg
485	165	Abelscot	150	180	–20
56	16	Aber Am Pet	19	22	+2
150	110	Allied Ins	134	134	–5
315	305	Americoeur	313	316	–2
111	55	Andaman Res	92	97	–1
285	116	Broadcast	145	155	–5
192	61	Camrosch	63	73	–5
103	45	Catalyst	58	62	–3
203	130	Chelsea Art	125	135	–20
110	40	Chemex Intl	40	50	nil
158	93	Comac	88	88	–3
151	50	Kenton Exh	53	56	–4
228	135	Crown Eye	155	165	nil
17	15	Eglinton	14	16	–1
10	8	Do Wrnts	7	9	–1
166	65	Far E Res	93	103	–2
110	57	Gardner (J)	52	62	nil
53	19	Hanerbill	18	22	+2
73	41	Kemp (PE)	58	63	–2
181	56	Leading Lsr	63	68	–5
95	60	Lynx Tech	60	70	–5
180	88	Medrace	87	97	–3
80	15	Pub Hldgs	22	27	–3
128	82	Seacon	77	87	nil
87	35	Theme Hldgs	38

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
2	Victor Products	Industrials S-Z	
3	Noreros	Industrials L-R	
4	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
5	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
6	Kwik Save	Foods	
7	Utd Biscuits (aa)	Foods	
8	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
9	Scot & New (aa)	Breweries	
10	ASDA-MFI (aa)	Foods	
11	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
12	Dominion Int	Industrials A-D	
13	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
14	Grand Met (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
15	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
16	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
17	Tic Rack	Drapery,Stores	
18	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
19	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
20	Chemring	Industrials A-D	
21	Gunness Peat	Banks,Discount	
22	Marks Spencer (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
23	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
24	Trusthouse Fi (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
25	Bulkough	Industrials A-D	
26	Britannia Security	Electricals	
27	Takeda Chem	Industrials S-Z	
28	Windsmoor	Drapery,Stores	
29	Elswick	Industrials E-K	
30	Lon Ind	Industrials L-R	
31	Coalite	Chemicals,Plas	
32	Sallaw	Industrials S-Z	
33	Next (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
34	Powell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
35	Dalgety (aa)	Foods	
36	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
37	Unitech	Electricals	
38	Metal Box (aa)	Industrials L-R	
39	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
40	Pentland Ind	Industrials L-R	
41	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
42	Low & Bonar	Industrials L-R	
43	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
44	Waterford Glass	Industrials S-Z	

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Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Volatile trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 23. Dealings end Friday. §Contango day December 7. Settlement day December 14. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 28)

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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
477	308	Allied-Lyons (aa)	319	322	-4	15.6	4.9	9.5
10½	729	Bass (aa)	770	780	-5	24.1	3.1	14.3
77	35	Bellhaven	36	38		1.0	2.7	13.3
230	152	Biddington	153	155	-1	5.1	3.3	14.6
766	557	Brown (Matthew)	630	650	+2	19.0	3.0	22.1
246	137	Buckleys	172	180		4.6	2.5	14.2
339	140	Bullmer (H T)	78	79		5.9	5.4	10.4
195	135	Burtonwood Brew	138	140		4.0	2.9	21.8
336	266	Clark (Matthew)	300	308		12.3	3.1	13.2
361	265	Druramb (Jn)	265	285		4.0	1.5	34.6
279½	156	Cyrenaic Whitley	175	185		8.2	4.6	9.2
483	356	Greene King	435	445		8.9	2.0	23.1
288	235	Guinness (aa)	262	263		12.6p	5.1	8.8
795	423	Hardys & Hansells	680	700		24.4	3.5	15.2
97	68	Highland Dist	78	79		3.4	4.7	11.4
333	136	Invergordon Dist	146	155		7.5	4.9	9.9
268	145	Irish Dists	165	165		5.0	3.4	
154	113	Morrison Thompson	117	119		3.6	3.1	14.9
653	345	Morland	417	425		10.8	2.3	13.3
470	131	SA Breweries	278	286				
270	178	Scot & New (aa)	215	220		8.9	5.6	13.1
169	46	Scot Inv	48	49		1.6	3.3	21.7
400	248	Shepherd N (aa)	250	310		12.6	4.2	11.5
254	134	Soltram Devs	156	162		12.2	7.5	10.5
197	160	Sothwick	160	165		11.0	6.9	8.6
402	197	Tetley Walker	197	198		9.9	4.7	10.1
230	134	Tomkins Co	136	217		3.4	1.5	12.8
148	65	Watt Bros	70	80		4.5	6.0	20.7
155	127	Wadeys	150	160		7.5	4.9	13.1
574	299	Wat Cycle (aa)	310	320		11.3	3.4	7.8
425	135	Youngers PLC	135	145		6.2	6.1	
253	86	Yr Dredging	86	90		6.9	6.0	20.9
61	51	Brown & Jackson	51	53				
148	79	Bryant	109	111		3.6	3.5	13.0
38½	11	Barrett & Haliam	11	12				1.3
135	110	CRH	110	120				
141	90	Calednead Robey	100	110		5.2	5.0	13.1
373	178	Causton	325	330		10.3	4.5	14.1
183	91	Church Charles	98	94		2.4	4.5	9.6
238	150	Coates Bros	190	200		6.2	3.2	22.0
357	190	Cooper PLC	190	200		12.2	5.7	8.5
402	120	Countryside	157	175		3.5	2.1	18.5
295	240	Crest Nicholson	152	154		7.5p	4.9	10.4
136	87	Crosby Assoc	92	94		2.4	3.5	
281	180	Douglas (Hld)	210	220		11.9	5.4	17.3
268	118	Eran	158	168		6.9	4.2	16.8
310	116	Fairclough Hog	157	160		6.6	3.8	11.1
182	80	Foton Gp	80	82		3.2	3.9	10.1
136	46	Galliford	95	97		3.7	5.5	14.5
295	118	Glass & Dandy Ord	280	285		9.3	3.4	9.7
2685	2040	Grosvenor (MJ)	2500	2600		10.0	3.8	14.3
295	118	Hampson Ind	120	130		4.6	3.5	14.9
393	172	Henderson	257	260		11.6	4.5	23.8
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	95	95		3.7	3.9	14.2
305	203	Heywood Williams	213	223		11.0	5.1	12.2
428	234	Higgs & Hill	253	254		10.6	4.1	12.3
168	21	Howard Hogg	43	50		1.7	3.5	67
258	78	Hunnock Jackson	127	130		5.0	3.8	13.3
10½	470	James Lit & Sons	500	520		20.0	3.8	12.2
414	217	Lang (J)	220	228		8.2	3.6	7.5
414	217	Do 'A'	220	228		8.2	3.6	7.6
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	87	90		3.8	4.5	8.7
77½	34	Lilley (FJG)	35	36				4.6
214	152	Lowe (YJ)	190	200		6.0	3.0	13.8
486	149	Magnet (aa)	165	168		8.6	5.1	10.7
413	312	Maltsters	398	315		14.3	4.6	16.6
188	113	McKay	153	155		6.0	4.8	14.6
388	288	Marshalls (Halifax)	310	320		8.5	2.7	17.9
213	64	Marshers (J)	67	72		2.8	3.7	11.3
677	365	McAlpine (Alfred)	380	390		20.4	5.3	8.8
539	382	McCarthy & S	390	395		4.7	1.2	16.9
485	288	Mitchell Inr	290	295		9.6	3.3	9.6
171	98	Miller (Stanley)	97	102		4.7	2.8	42.0
541	364½	Mowlem (John)	350	355		22.3	6.3	10.5
12½	7	Newarthill	10	11		17.1	1.8	22.5
249½	150	Newman Tonks	170	177		11.4	6.7	12.3
169	80	Parkinson	105	108		2.5	2.3	15.4
198	80	Pickerin Timber	90	95		2.1	2.3	11.1
580	370	Pochins	380	390		14.0	3.6	9.4
1½	1	RMC Gp (aa)	1	1½		1.1	2.5	22.9
157	60	Rees Inr	62	70		1.9	2.8	14.1
575	352	Redland (aa)	360	363		13.4	3.7	9.9
286	97	Rotherfor	116	120		4.8	4.1	10.5
195	173	Rugby Group	185	187		10.5	5.7	13.9
316	175	Sandell Perkins	197	217		5.9	2.8	13.9
253	135	Sharps & Fisher	175	183		4.5	2.5	17.5
138	88	Smart (J)	108	110		7.2	6.5	11.1
237	137	Stanley	240	250		11.2	4.5	12.0
348	240	Tarmac (aa)	240	250		11.3	4.5	12.0
416	237	Taylor Woodrow	240	245		13.4	5.5	9.7
540	267	Tilbury Group	267	270		9.9	3.7	10.1
241	191	Tomkins (aa)	191	195		6.5	3.3	12.1
12½	7	Trans & Arnold	7	8				12.6
233	92	Trent	105	115		1.6	1.5	16.1
1½	1	Tyrrell	1	1½		1.1	13.6b	10.6
1½	1	Wallis & Linfield	1	1½		1.1	13.6b	10.6
99	31	Ward Group	130	140		3.4	2.5	15.2
197	77	Ward Hldgs	130	140		2.9	2.1	13.1
171	79	Warnington	165	175				12.6
1½	1	Wates Bldg	1	1½		7.8	2.6	15.4
251	134	Wiggins	200	210		6.5	5.8	8.2
280	131	Wilson Bowden	140	150		4.7	3.4	
2870	1410	Wilson (Connelly)	2870	2970		41.1	1.5	14.1
263	163	Wimpey (George)	180	183		7.9	4.4	10.6
185	100	Yuasa	95	105		7.9	4.4	10.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
560	129	Abbey	140	175				
355	190	Abrahsen Constr	170	220	-5	12.1	6.2	15.5
468	252	Amec	263	267	+5	15.8	5.9	10.7
91	39	Anglo Utd	41	43		1.4	3.3	11.8
192	69	Arndale	85	165		6.2	3.8	23.3
480	184	Ashwoods	205	210	-1	8.2	3.9	11.6
442½	218	BPB Ind (aa)	225	230	+10	9.6	4.2	9.9
210	72	Bagenridge Brick	205	208		7.7	4.2	9.9
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	37	42		1.5	4.0	8.3
252	134	Barrett Devs	156	162		12.2	7.5	10.5
197	160	Beazway	160	165		11.0	6.9	8.6
407	197	Bellwinch	197	198		9.9	5.0	11.0
252	134	Bensley Gp	236	237		9.4	3.9	12.8
148	65	Best Bros	70	80		4.5	6.0	20.7
215	127	Blackburn	200	210		7.5	3.5	14.3
425	135	Bredero PLC	135	145	-2	6.2	6.1	
253	86	Br Dredging	86	90		6.9	6.0	20.9
61	51	Brown & Jackson	51	53				
148	79	Bryant	109	111		3.6	3.5	13.0
38½	11	Barrett & Haliam	11	12				1.3
135	110	CRH	110	120	+2			
141	90	Calednead Robey	100	110	-5	5.2	5.0	13.1
373	178	Causton	325	330	+1	10.3	4.5	14.1
183	91	Church Charles	98	94	-2	2.4	4.5	9.6
238	150	Coates Bros	190	200	-5	6.2	3.2	22.0
357	190	Cooper PLC	190	200	-2	12.2	5.7	8.5
402	120	Countryside	157	175	-1	3.5	2.1	18.5
295	240	Crest Nicholson	152	154	+1	7.5p	4.9	10.4
136	87	Crosby Assoc	92	94	-1	2.4	3.5	
281	180	Douglas (Hld)	210	220	+5	11.9	5.4	17.3
268	118	Eran	158	168	-7	6.9	4.2	16.8
310	116	Fairclough Hog	157	160	-3	6.6	3.8	11.1
182	80	Foton Gp	80	82	-1	3.2	3.9	10.1
136	46	Galliford	95	97		3.7	5.5	14.5
295	118	Glass & Dandy Ord	280	285	-3	9.3	3.4	9.7
2685	2040	Grosvenor (MJ)	2500	2600	-10	10.0	3.8	14.3
295	118	Hampson Ind	120	130		4.6	3.5	14.9
393	172	Henderson	257	260	+2	11.6	4.5	23.8
151	74	Hewden-Stuart	95	95	+1	3.7	3.9	14.2
305	203	Heywood Williams	213	223	-1	11.0	5.1	12.2
428	234	Higgs & Hill	253	254		10.6	4.1	12.3
168	21	Howard Hogg	43	50	-3	1.7	3.5	67
258	78	Hunnock Jackson	127	130	+3	5.0	3.8	13.3
10½	470	James Lit & Sons	500	520	-50	20.0	3.8	12.2
414	217	Lang (J)	220	228	-1	8.2	3.6	7.5
414	217	Do 'A'	220	228		8.2	3.6	7.6
194	79	Lawrence (Walter)	87	90	+1	3.8	4.5	8.7
77½	34	Lilley (FJG)	35	36				4.6
214	152	Lowe (YJ)	190	200		6.0	3.0	13.8
486	149	Magnet (aa)	165	168	+1	8.6	5.1	10.7
413	312	Maltsters	398	315	-2	14.3	4.6	16.6
188	113	McKay	153	155	-1	6.0	4.8	14.6
388	288	Marshalls (Halifax)	310	320	-2	8.5	2.7	17.9
213	64	Marshers (J)	67	72	-3	2.8	3.7	11.3
677	365	McAlpine (Alfred)	380	390		20.4	5.3	8.8
539	382	McCarthy & S	390	395	+2	4.7	1.2	16.9
485	288	Mitchell Inr	290	295		9.6	3.3	9.6
171	98	Miller (Stanley)	97	102	+1	4.7	2.8	42.0
541	364½	Mowlem (John)	350	355		22.3	6.3	10.5
12½	7	Newarthill	10	11	-1	17.1	1.8	22.5
249½	150	Newman Tonks	170	177	-1	11.4	6.7	12.3
169	80	Parkinson	105	108	+1	2.5	2.3	15.4
198	80	Pickerin Timber	90	95	+3	2.1	2.3	11.1
580	370	Pochins	380	390	-5	14.0	3.6	9.4
1½	1	RMC Gp (aa)	1	1½		1.1	2.5	22.9
157	60	Rees Inr	62	70	+1	1.9	2.8	14.1
575	352	Redland (aa)	360	363	-1	13.4	3.7	9.9
286	97	Rotherfor	116	120	-1	4.8	4.1	10.5
195	173	Rugby Group	185	187	+2	10.5	5.7	13.9
316	175	Sandell Perkins	197	217	+2	5.9	2.8	13.9
253	135	Sharps & Fisher	175	183	-4	4.5	2.5	17.5
138	88	Smart (J)	108	110		7.2	6.5	11.1
237	137	Stanley	240	250		11.2	4.5	12.0
348	240	Tarmac (aa)	240	250		11.3	4.5	12.0
416	237	Taylor Woodrow	240	245		13.4	5.5	9.7
540	267	Tilbury Group	267	270	-4	9.9	3.7	10.1
241	191	Tomkins (aa)	191	195		6.5	3.3	12.1
12½	7	Trans & Arnold	7	8				12.6
233	92	Trent	105	115	-10	1.6	1.5	16.1
1½	1	Tyrrell	1	1½		1.1	13.6b	10.6
99	31	Ward Group	130	140		3.4	2.5	15.2
197	77	Ward Hldgs	130	140		2.9	2.1	13.1
171	79	Warnington	165	175				12.6
1½	1	Wates Bldg	1	1½		7.8	2.6	15.4
251	134	Wiggins	200	210		6.5	5.8	8.2
280	131	Wilson Bowden	140	150		4.7	3.4	
2870	1410	Wilson (Connelly)	2870	2970		41.1	1.5	14.1
263	163	Wimpey (George)	180	183	-1	7.9	4.4	10.6
185	100	Yuasa	95	105		7.9	4.4	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
126	33	Abaco	43	45	+2	0.5p	1.4	20.4
348	200	Abingworth	195	205		17	8.9	
176	66	Adwin Horne	65	75		4.8	8.9	7.1
553	335	Amalgapark	168	178		9.3	5.4	5.5
1540	1120	Anthony Inv	1220	1240	-10	34	1.4	15.5
333	215	Berkeley Gowell	190	240				
571	240	Br Commonwth (aa)	390	395		9.7	3.3	26.6
25	19½	Camellia	19	21		20.6	1.0	18.6
1½	1	Cantrust	1	1½		11.0	11.0	9.7
158	48	Centaway	73	83				24.4
745	290	Charter Inv	340	350		12.3	3.5	14.6
88	21	Equity & Gen	27	28		15.8	5.7	11.7
249½	150	Ramsay&Thompson	170	180		7.5	4.4	17.3
265	121	Henry & Sons	130	135		7.9	6.4	11.3
95	22	LDI	26	28		2.1	7.5	6.9
278	173	Magedo	175	180	-2	8.9	5.0	27.3
111	111	Nat Home Loans	130	145		9.6	6.6	12.9
2390	1110	Nth Sea Invs	1400	1450		69.5	4.1	10.5
155	54	Rosemarket	60	67				9.9
530	360	Parrish Plc	475	475	-5	14	10.3	12.8
482	295	Sanger & Fried	47	48		1.7	3.5	
313	123	Templeton Glbrh	120	130		4.3	3.4	8.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50p	12½	American Express	13½					
293	208	Argyle	55	65	-10	27	4.5	18.0
84	29	Bowstead	30	33	+1	0.5	0.5	
713	385	Brit Assets Arrow	385	395		20.0	5.1	7.5
44	18	Clark Mal	25	27		0.0	3.2	16.9
42	32	Do 'A'	25	27		0.0	3.2	16.9
50½	21	Eagle Trust	16½	17		0.1	0.6	
259	159	Edin Inv	166	170		4.0	2.3	31.6
288	188	Exploration	190	198		3.4	2.0	18.4
240	145	Framlington	135	155		3.6	2.6	10.9
1½	1	Fund Gp	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
178	83	Gresham Trust	83	93		3.4	4.3	12.4
1½	1	Guardian	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	Hambro Countrywd	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
118	52	Goods Dorrest	118	128		4.5	3.5	17.4
17½	698	Henderson Admin	525	535		62.7	7.1	
260	150	ICH	155	160		12.3	7.8	6.4
93	85	Ivory & Sime	85	90		6.5	7.2	
461	185	M & G	190	195	-10	41.7	7.7	9.6
281	148	Smith New Court	170	180	-10	17.0	6.1	8.9
474	128	Tyrwhitt Hldgs	130	135	-5	6.9	5.4	8.1

FOODS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
416	250	AB Food (aa)	280	287		10.4	3.5	10.0
243	142	ASDA-MFI (aa)	155	159	+3	4.8	3.0	13.9
103	24	Alpine Drinks	43	48				92.0
192	90	Applecrore Hldgs	90	100	+10	6.0	4.2	
245	111	Assoc Fisheries	148	153	+1	6.2	4.1	16.7
259	182	Barns (Sidney C)	210	215	+1	9.1	4.4	6.3
238	187	Barker & Dobson	210	215	-1	9.4	4.4	22.6
1½	1	Barrett Foods	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
178	78	Bellerys	80	88		3.2	3.7	9.9
284	151	Bibby	151	155	+3	6.5	4.1	13.4
244	140	Booker	140	147	-1	5.7	3.7	14.0
325	244	Bordswich	244	248	-11	10.2	4.1	14.4
515	300	Bovis	343	347		19.7	5.7	14.0
1½	1	Brentford (S&W)	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
237	185	Brit Sugar	230	231	+2	9.6	4.2	17.1
297	209	Cadbury Schwp (aa)	278	280		11.4	4.1	14.8
1½	1	Cairn Mining	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
373	289	Chiterns Dairies	455	515		11.4	2.2	25.8
1½	1	Cullens	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
405	256	Dalgety (aa)	260	263	+5	19.2	7.3	10.6
253	143	Daniels S	165	175		4.5	4.1	11.4
1½	1	Dartington Crystal	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	England (J)	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	Fisher (A)	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	Fitch Lovell	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	Fletcher	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	Forfar (A)	1	1½		0.1	0.1	10.6
1½	1	Frith

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717773 (Lifeline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	112.9	121.4p	-0.3	9.85
Hi Inc Equity	103.5	110.1p	-1.1	5.31
Worldwide Bd	184.2	197.3p	+0.5	4.92
American Gth	118.8	126.3p	-3.4	1.39
Asian Pacific	51.8	55.0p	-1.0	7.51
Assets & Earns	119.6	127.2p	-1.7	2.25
Capital Res	76.6	77.2	+0.1	1.31
Comms & Energy	103.1	109.7	-1.7	
Euro Capital	107.2	114.0	-1.6	1.12
General	131.9	140.3	-1.7	3.21
Japan	78.7	81.5	+0.3	
UK Gth Inc	111.5	118.6p	-2.3	2.09
Do Acc	116.2	123.6p	-2.4	0.80
US Emerg Co	33.4	35.5p	-1.0	0.00
Income Gth	210.2	223.6p	-2.6	4.69
Money Acc	93.4	97.4	-0.9	3.05
American Acc	39.0	41.4	-0.2	0.39
Ethical Tst	36.0	38.2	+0.1	3.27

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6464

Euro Gth Acc	99.9	106.3	..	1.26
Earnings	232.7	245.3p	..	5.10
Far Eastern	168.6	180.2	..	0.10
Fin & Prop	69.6	73.7	..	2.94
Hi Yield	89.2	95.9p	..	5.61
Income & Gth	260.7	276.2c	..	5.15
Int Earnings	157.3	166.6	..	3.27
Int Growth Inc	78.4	83.5	..	0.24
Japan Gth Acc	122.7	130.0	..	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	106.2	113.5	..	2.67
Preference Inc	122.9	130.2p	..	9.53
Smlr Co Inc	79.5	84.2	..	4.84
Snd Co Gth	243.7	258.2	..	4.64
Spec Sits Inc	114.4	121.2p	..	1.67
UK Growth	319.9	338.9p	..	3.77

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 28251 dealing 0793 610286

High Income	261.3	277.0	-2.5	5.27
Equity Inc	150.1	159.1	-1.2	5.16
High Yield	151.7	160.8p	-1.1	5.27
Balanced	353.4	374.6c	-3.1	3.34
Amer Inc	34.6	36.2	-0.6	4.85
World Ass Val	211.5	224.1p	-1.4	1.40
Japan	116.7	124.3	+0.1	0.01
Sec of Amer	161.6	172.1p	-0.7	0.81
Allied Value	248.8	264.4p	-1.4	1.50
O'seas Income	178.1	188.8c	-1.6	3.75
Recovery	86.4	91.6p	-0.8	2.79
UK Spec Sit	222.3	235.6	-2.5	2.90
Smlr Co	148.7	158.5	-2.6	1.15
Capital	210.2	222.8	-1.5	3.48
Amer Spec Sit	48.9	52.1	-1.6	2.06
International	80.3	85.5	-1.6	1.58
Growth & Inc	130.5	138.7p	-2.2	2.56
Euro Gth	17.3	18.4	-0.2	2.56
Pacific	177.7	189.3	-0.9	0.53
2nd Smlr Co	182.3	193.2	-2.4	2.25

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
28, Clement Street, London EC1
01-374 6821

American	36.5	38.9	-0.6	2.31
Australian	16.8	17.9	+0.5	1.92
Japan & Gen	136.0	144.9	+0.5	0.00
High Income	48.5	51.6c	-0.7	5.91
International	76.0	80.9	-0.7	0.65
Income Growth	56.4	60.0	+0.9	4.56
GM/Fixed Int	33.4	35.6		9.77
Global Inc	31.6	33.7	-0.3	5.76
Spec Sit	52.8	56.2p	-1.0	1.56

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

Capital	66.9	71.1	-0.6	3.85
Euro Gth Inc	56.1	59.6	-1.7	2.19
Extra Income	81.2	86.3p	+4.0	5.54
General	146.8	148.7	-0.9	3.78
Gilt & Fixed Inc	43.8	46.6p	+0.1	10.10
Income Tst	342.5	364.3	-3.5	4.59
Int Income	46.6	49.5	-1.1	4.75
Smlr Co Inc	33.7	35.8	-0.9	1.57

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XX
01-658 9002

Australia	56.5	61.1p	-1.5	0.00
Eastern	54.9	59.2p	-1.4	0.00
Equity Inc	59.0	62.7p	-0.4	5.10
Europe	104.8	111.4p	-1.4	0.10
Exempt Tst	50.0	53.1	-2.4	4.00
Growth & Inc	65.6	69.9	+0.1	2.50
Global Gth	52.3	55.6p	-0.7	1.06
Japan Spec	115.1	123.1	..	0.00
Japan Sm	116.4	124.5	+0.5	0.00
First Europe	92.9	98.9	+1.4	0.10
First Japan	82.5	88.2	-0.3	0.50
First N Amer	33.2	35.3	-2.3	1.10
First Smlr Co	71.0	75.5p	-1.9	1.50
N Amer Spec	31.8	33.8	-2.6	0.30

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Presbytergasse Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458744

Financial	126.5	134.6	-3.5	1.63
Smlr Co Acc	251.5	266.1p	-7.7	1.39
Smlr Co Inc	191.3	202.4p	-5.8	1.39
High Income	67.7	72.1	-0.8	5.14
Income	78.1	83.1p	-0.9	5.04
Man Portfl Inc	67.7	72.1	-1.7	2.19
Do Acc	114.8	122.1	-2.7	2.19
Nth American	38.5	42.0	-1.6	0.21
Orient	75.8	80.4p	-1.3	0.10
Exempt	210.9	224.3p	-4.6	2.56
Recovery	48.3	51.1p	-0.8	2.56
German	22.4	23.8p	-0.3	1.50
Int Recov	20.8	22.2	-0.2	1.00
Europe	15.1	16.0	-0.3	2.09

BUCKMASTER INTERNATIONAL
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868 01 625 2348

Emerg Inc				
Fellowship Inc	51.7	55.0p	+0.2	1.67
General Inc 4	220.0	230.8p	..	2.38
Do Acc 4	369.0	376.4	..	2.38
Income Fd 3	105.5	116.5p	..	5.00
Inc Fd 2	203.3	215.3	..	5.00
Int Inc 2	91.2	96.1	-4.7	1.79
Do Acc 2	122.1	128.1	-6.5	1.79
Smlr Inc 5	77.3	81.7	..	2.03
Do Acc	83.2	87.9	..	2.03

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NN
01-902 8876

Growth	26.3	28.4u	..	3.50
Income	33.6	36.5u	..	4.89
Far East	22.0	23.8u	..	0.29
Nth American	23.2	25.1u	..	0.29
Global	36.1	38.0	..	0.95
European	36.7	39.7	-1.5	1.46
Japan	66.2	71.6	..	0.01

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JD
01-621 0011

Capital	331.6	352.8	-4.8	1.96
Income	302.4	321.8	-1.5	4.96
Nth Amer	189.4	201.4	-6.8	2.37

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Investment	437.5	..	..	4.59
Fixed Int	145.2	..	..	9.65
Deposit	100.0	..	..	9.65

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
3, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	409.8	*	..	4.95
Acc	£12.7165		..	
Deposit	100.0	..	..	5.23

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/73,Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622
S/C Spec Sit 54.7 57.9 .. 0.50

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

Amer Gth	15.8	16.9	..	1.27
Asian Gth	19.7	21.0	-0.3	1.49
Dragon Gth	16.6	17.7	-0.2	0.70
Equity Hi Inc	48.1	51.2p	-0.2	5.32
European Gth	21.2	22.5p	-0.1	0.34
Gen Equity	40.4	43.0	-0.5	3.31
G/F Invst Gth	32.5	34.3	-0.1	7.66
Gth & Fixed Inc	25.2	26.5c	-0.1	8.57
Int Income Tst	21.1	22.5p	-0.5	8.52
Japan Gth	34.9	37.1	+0.1	0.00
Packages Gth	24.0	25.6	-0.3	2.63
Special Sits	29.6	31.5	-0.6	2.63

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

UK & Gen Inc	45.3	48.2p	-0.3	4.32
Do Acc	46.4	49.4p	-0.4	4.32
Income Inc	46.3	51.3p	-0.9	4.89
Do Acc	49.7	52.9p	-0.9	4.89
Worldwide Inc	37.5	40.1	-0.6	1.14
Do Acc	37.6	40.2	-0.6	1.14
Gamma Inc	27.7	29.7	-0.7	1.05
Do Acc	27.8	29.7	-0.7	1.05
Amer Gth	45.2	48.1	-1.3	0.89
Euro Gth	45.3	48.2	-0.3	0.18
Far East	47.6	50.6	..	0.18

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

Amer Tst	91.9	98.4	-4.6	1.01
Canadian Gth	16.4	17.7	-0.7	1.50
European Tst	81.9	86.5	-2.4	
Growth Tst	219.1	236.9	-2.4	3.51
High Income	264.5	286.9	-2.4	5.70
Int Tech Tst	90.7	98.0	-1.4	
Japanese Tst	170.4	184.2	+0.8	

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9BL
0737-243424

European Gth	42.7	46.0p	-1.0	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	32.0	34.5	-0.8	0.00
International	41.0	44.1p	-1.2	3.50
N Amer Gth	32.5	35.0	-1.1	1.00
Pacific Gth	45.1	48.6p	-1.2	0.80
UK Gth Acc	49.1	52.8	-1.4	1.50
Do Dist	47.8	51.5	-1.9	0.50
UK Income	48.8	52.5	-0.3	4.60

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-225 3382

American Fd	48.3	51.4p	-1.6	1.95
Capital Fd	100.1	107.4	-1.8	1.58
Eurofund	29.2	31.1	-0.5	2.31
Growth & Inc	142.5	151.9	-1.5	4.44
High Dist Fd	121.6	130.5p	-1.5	5.56
International	159.6	169.4	-2.6	1.30
Pacific Fd	19.4	20.6	-0.2	0.00
Resources Fd	24.1	25.6	+0.1	0.00
Smlr Cap Co	33.2	35.4	+0.1	
Tokyo Fd	154.4	169.7	+0.6	0.40
Ex Amer 2	101.0	114.1	-5.9	2.01
Ex Amer 3	101.3	104.4p	..	0.20
Ex Pacific 4	253.5	261.5	..	0.36
Ex Smlr Jap 4	204.4	211.0	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bells Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 221311

UK Ballan Inc	70.4	74.7p	-1.5	3.26
Do Acc	73.3	77.8p	-0.9	3.13
UK Gth Acc	100.1	106.2	-0.9	2.58
UK High Inc	89.4	95.3p	-1.7	5.14
UK Inc Acc	80.4	85.3p	-1.6	5.16
Far East Acc	94.5	100.6	-0.9	0.76
European Acc	64.1	68.4	-1.4	1.52
UK Gilt Inc	58.6	62.2p	-0.3	9.76
Do Acc	63.6	67.3p	-0.3	7.73
Int Spec Sits	32.8	35.0	-0.6	1.85

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre Hasgon House Romford RM1 3LB
0708 86666
Endurance 103.3 109.9 .. 1.20

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 27233

Amer Gth	15.8	16.9	..	1.27
Asian Gth	19.7	21.0	-0.3	1.49
Dragon Gth	16.6	17.7	-0.2	0.70
Equity Hi Inc	48.1	51.2p	-0.2	5.32
European Gth	21.2	22.5p	-0.1	0.34
Gen Equity	40.4	43.0	-0.5	3.31
G/F Invst Gth	32.5	34.3	-0.1	7.66
Gth & Fixed Inc	25.2	26.5c	-0.1	8.57
Int Income Tst	21.1	22.5p	-0.5	8.52
Japan Gth	34.9	37.1	+0.1	0.00
Packages Gth	24.0	25.6	-0.3	2.63
Special Sits	29.6	31.5	-0.6	2.63

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1QG
0203 553231

UK Gth Acc	150.9	161.3p	-1.2	3.86
Do Inc	126.6	135.4p	-1.0	3.86
Higher Inc Acc	277.7	296.9p	-1.9	5.01
Do Inc	213.1	227.9p	-1.5	5.01
Gilt/Fixed Acc	110.4	116.2	-0.4	9.00
Do Inc	85.8	90.3	-0.3	8.00
N Amer Acc	92.7	99.1p	-2.6	0.24
Far East Acc	166.0	180.7p	..	0.07
Euro Tst Acc	113.7	121.5	-2.6	0.97
Gen Tst	221.8	237.2	-1.9	3.99
Brit Excell	34.1	36.4	-0.2	3.48

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smlr Co	44.2	47.1p	-1.7	0.16
UK Inc Fd	80.2	85.4	-3.2	4.19
Far East Fd	72.9	77.6	-2.4	0.00
Overseas Inc	55.3	58.9p	-1.6	4.50
Fixd Interest	57.3	61.0p	-1.0	9.76
Natural Res Fd	57.6	61.3	-0.9	2.77
European Inc	54.2	57.7	-1.1	3.86
Financials Fd	38.0	40.5	-2.0	3.70
Int Tech Fd	84.7	90.2	-3.3	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
199, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-302 3132

Eston Gth Acc	54.5	58.0	-0.7	..
Do Inc	53.2	56.6	-0.6	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	27.1	28.6	+0.2	5.10
Do Inc	27.1	28.6	+0.2	
Inc Gth Acc	49.5	52.7p	+0.2	..
Do Inc	44.1	46.9p	+0.2	4.00
Serv Co Acc	57.9	61.5p	-0.1	..
Do Inc	56.7	60.3p	-0.5	0.30
Amer Gth Acc	17.3	18.4	-0.3	..
Do Inc	17.3	18.4	-0.3	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	13.7	14.6	-0.1	1.00
Do Inc	13.7	14.6	-0.1	1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Calltree 0800 414161

American	79.7	85.3p	-1.4	1.20
Amer Eqty Inc	24.7	26.4p	-1.0	5.14
Amer Spec Sit	33.7	36.0	-0.9	0.62
Australia	229.9	246.0	-4.6	2.07
European	45.7	48.9	-1.9	
European Inc	19.7	21.1	-0.2	4.58
Global Conv	20.7	22.1	-0.3	5.53
Far East Inc	33.7	35.9p	-0.2	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	84.0	89.9p	-1.9	9.51
Growth & Inc	96.8	103.6c	-3.1	4.51
Japan Spec Sit	53.7	57.5	+1.3	..
Japan	132.1	141.0	-4.7	..
Main Interest	100.6	111.3	-3.0	0.57
Max Inc Eqty	88.3	94.5c	-6.3	5.21
Famous Name	33.6	36.0	-2.9	2.89
SE Asia	27.5	29.3	-1.3	0.35
Spec Sits	218.2	227.4	-4.3	0.00
Eastern Opps	18.9	20.2	-0.4	..

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

Amer/Gen Inc	130.4	137.9	-5.0	..
Do Acc	133.2	140.9	-5.1	..
Amer Turn Inc	138.9	146.9	-4.7	1.03
Do Acc	144.1	152.4	-4.9	1.03
Capital Inc	229.5	241.7	-6.3	2.18
Do Acc	231.7	252.0	-6.3	2.18
Conv/Gilt Inc	94.7	100.2	-0.1	9.06
Do Acc	98.7	104.4	-0.1	9.06
Euro Inc	48.7	51.5	-0.2	0.66
Do Acc	48.8	51.6	-0.3	0.65
Extra Inc Inc	200.9	212.5	-1.7	4.58
Do Acc	202.7	226.1	-1.9	4.58
Financial Acc	36.8	38.9p	-0.7	0.39
Do Inc	36.7	38.8p	-0.6	0.39
Gilt Inc	115.6	122.3p	-1.1	11.48
Do Acc	116.1	122.8p	-1.1	11.48
Income Tst	145.1	154.9p	-1.5	4.11
Int Growth Inc	114.5	121.1p	-2.1	..
Do Acc	127.2	134.6p	-2.3	..
Japanese Inc	91.7	97.0	-2.1	..
Monthly Inc Fd	161.6	167.7p	-0.9	6.03
Recovery	135.6	143.4	-3.0	1.36
Wld Spec Sit	140.2	156.8	-5.7	1.36

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Equity Inc	194.3	206.3p	-4.0	3.62
Do Acc	334.2	354.7p	-13.7	3.62
Euro Gth Dist	45.9	48.7	-0.4	1.09
Do Acc	45.9	48.7	-0.4	1.09
Fxd Interest Dist	118.1	125.4	-1.0	9.53
Do Acc	147.0	156.3p	+1.3	10.83
Int Gth Dist	46.1	48.9	-1.0	1.53
Do Acc	46.1	48.9	-1.0	1.53
Nth Amer Dist	94.3	100.2p	-2.9	0.56
Do Acc	95.0	100.9	-2.8	0.56
Pac Basin Dist	148.3	157.5	-3.2	0.24
Do Acc	148.3	157.5	-3.2	0.24
Steward Dist	193.6	205.7p	-4.7	1.44
Do Acc	203.0	215.5p	-5.0	1.44
Smaller Co Dist	48.6	49.4	-0.6	4.05
Do Acc	48.6	49.4	-0.6	4.05
N Am Stwd Dt	43.3	46.0	-2.0	2.17
Do Acc	43.3	46.0	-2.0	2.17

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Amer Spec Sit	43.8	46.7	-1.9	0.00
UK Cap Inc	102.9	108.5	-1.5	2.90
UK Gen Inc	150.1	160.0	-2.1	3.50
Income Fd	85.9	91.4	-1.4	5.11
International	129.5	137.8	-1.4	0.50
US & General	37.9	40.4	-1.4	1.39
Japan Sp Sits	230.1	244.9	-1.1	0.10
Far East Gen	105.1	112.9p	+0.9	0.40
European Fd	194.5	207.1	-1.5	1.06
Germany Fd	49.9	53.1	-0.6	1.20
Int Inc Fd	43.3	46.4p	-0.7	5.50
Wld Spec Sit	50.0	53.2	-1.3	1.80

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American Tst	58.3	62.6	-3.7	0.70
Australian Tst	20.4	21.9	+0.6	0.00
Japan Spec Sit	58.8	63.1	-1.4	0.00
Do Dist	58.3	54.0	-2.8	2.25
Commod Shar	58.6	63.0	+0.1	1.00
European Tst	39.9	43.0	-0.9	0.75
Extra Income	62.2	66.7	-0.4	4.58
Far East Tst	112.0	120.4	-3.0	0.30
First Interest Fd	27.5	29.7	..	6.59
Frontier Mkts	20.4	21.9	-0.8	0.38
Fst Fd Interest	24.0	25.8	..	9.47
Global Fd Acc	141.6	152.3p	-4.8	0.40
Do Dist	133.7	143.8p	-4.8	0.40
Gold Share Tst	19.1	20.6p	+0.7	0.93
Hgh Yld Interest	27.1	29.1	-0.7	10.50
High Income	27.4	29.5c	-0.7	5.76
Hong Kong Tst	26.2	28.1	-0.8	2.43
Income Fd	85.2	91.9	-4.2	3.29
Japan Tst	118.5	127.7	-2.9	0.00
Managed Fund	228.4	239.0	-10.8	2.68
Oil & Energy	33.8	36.4	-1.3	2.50
Spec Sit Tst	86.9	93.4	-11.2	1.48
UK Smlr Co Fd	94.4	99.7p	-4.6	0.00
Chelmham UK	21.4	22.7	-1.4	1.92

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Int Gth	76.7	82.0	-1.1	1.30
American Gth	47.0	50.2	-1.8	1.56
American Inc	50.2	53.6	-1.1	6.57
European Gth	44.4	47.4	-1.5	1.45
Special Sits	98.0	104.7	-2.1	0.00
Japan Gth	50.4	53.9u	+0.3	..
Pacific Inc	60.7	64.9	-1.0	4.33
Pacific Smlr	35.3	38.1	-0.6	0.00
UK Prop Inc	50.3	54.4p	-0.5	4.84
UK Spec Opps	113.3	121.1	-3.7	0.86
Gt British	30.9	33.0	-0.3	1.70

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Gt/Fxd Interest	121.0	125.8	..	8.83
Gen Equity	196.1	208.2p	-10.0	2.88
Guardfnd	258.9	268.2	-12.1	3.26
N American	105.3	111.5p	-8.1	1.66
Pacific	215.7	228.3	-8.4	0.00
Prop Shares	285.7	302.4	-14.2	0.92
Smaller Co	229.3	242.7p	-12.0	1.50
European Tst	196.9	210.5c	-5.2	1.23

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Global Gth	30.3	34.4p	+0.5	0.80
High Income	72.5	76.2p	-1.3	6.97
N Amer Tst	75.6	80.5	-1.2	0.98
Pacific Gth	31.3	33.4	-2.9	0.00
Recovery	242.3	264.2p	-7.5	2.95
St Vincent Inc	94.4	99.9	-1.1	5.52
St Vinc US Gth	45.6	47.5	-1.3	1.22
Tomp B Sm Co	252.4	268.3	..	2.78
Euro Gth Tst	37.9	40.1	-0.4	0.90

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Amer Eqty Inc	48.5	49.3p	-1.5	4.67
Canadian Tst	35.7	37.9p	-0.7	0.34
Equity Income	92.0	97.9p	-2.8	5.68
European Tst	72.2	76.8	-1.7	1.20
High Income	74.5	79.0	-1.8	5.62
Int Gen Tst	34.4	36.7	-1.1	1.50
Japan/F East	84.0	89.7p	-1.9	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	45.2	48.0p	-1.5	1.45
Recovery & Gen	54.4	57.9	-1.7	2.15
Shipbuilding	37.4	39.8	-1.2	0.00
Smlr Co	30.3	32.2u	-1.2	1.27
UK New Gen	34.2	36.3	-1.7	1.24

HENDERSON
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Amer Recov	65.6	70.4p	-7.8	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	27.3	29.2	-4.6	0.00
Australian	74.1	79.3	-1.8	2.48
Best of World	45.8	49.2	-3.2	2.48
Capital Inc	48.6	51.9	-3.2	5.48
Do Acc	62.5	66.7	-4.2	5.48
European	194.7	197.5p	-6.2	0.68
Fund Tst	94.1	100.7	-6.3	2.68
Euro Smlr Co	89.1	73.9	-4.7	1.17
Extra Income	198.3	291.5c	-6.2	4.21
Financial Tst	111.7	119.5p	-7.5	0.00
Gen Tst	57.3	61.0c	+0.3	9.29
Gth Tst	41.4	44.1	+0.1	6.84
Global Health	94.4	99.6	-4.9	0.00
Global Recov	83.1	87.7	-4.3	0.00
Global Resrce	69.7	74.8	-1.7	0.00
Global Tech	89.7	95.0	-2.6	0.11
Gold	41.9	44.6	-2.2	0.00
High Income	194.5	209.2p	-1.5	4.59
Hong Kong	44.9	48.1	-0.8	0.00
Inc & Gth Inc	153.8	163.4p	-4.9	5.17
Income	103.8	110.4p	-3.0	5.17
Income Assets	105.1	113.6	-3.8	4.11
International	128.4	135.3p	-5.2	0.34
Japan Gth	173.1	185.4	-5.2	0.00
Japan Spec Sits	89.2	95.5	-2.6	0.00
Japanese Inc	168.9	181.0	-4.8	0.00
Nth American	90.0	96.3	-10.6	0.54
Pacific Smlr Co	85.9	70.6	-1.0	0.03
Pref & Gilt	58.4	62.5c	..	8.97
Recovery Tst	139.5	149.1p	-7.8	0.79
Smlr Co Inc	94.3	100.8p	-1.8	1.80
Smlr Co Dist	94.3	100.8p	-1.8	1.80
Spec Sits Inc	151.3	162.7	-1.3	1.33
Do Acc	214.2	230.4	-1.8	1.33
Strategic	140.4	150.4	..	0.37
Euro Expt	93.0	97.9	-2.1	2.03
Glob Tec Expt	58.8	61.9p	-1.9	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	137.8	145.1p	-4.5	5.57
Japan Dist	91.1	95.9	-2.9	0.00
N Amer Expt	68.3	69.9p	-3.5	0.55
Pacific Exempt	144.0	151.6p	-3.4	1.45
Smlr Co Exempt	144.5	152.2p	-4.1	0.91
Spec Sits Exempt	31.1	32.8p	-0.8	2.71
Spirit Of East	32.3	34.0	-0.5	2.71

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A new role for the company doctors

Management consultancy has been transformed in recent years, writes Michael Hatfield. It is now in a period of startling growth



Leading management consultancy figures Brian O'Rorke, left, and Denis Tindley: the image is changing

Now that management consultancy has passed through its stigmatic era — the counter-productive, company-doctor syndrome — it has entered a period approaching dignified respectability.

Growth is shown in figures produced by the Management Consultantancies Association, representing 29 of the largest consultancy firms who have 65 per cent of the business.

Its members' fee income increased by 36 per cent to £228 million in 1986; the figure this year is likely to be nearly £300 million. In 1981 the corresponding total was £62 million.

Explaining the company-doctor image, Brian O'Rorke, the MCA's executive director, says: "It was a time when there were many potential clients who were reluctant to bring in a management consultant because it may be seen to reflect on the company. It was seen as some kind of stigma to have someone called in to give a second opinion."

Another executive chose a different analogy: "Some people think of a management consultant like a dentist, someone you report to reluctantly when the pain becomes worrying.

"We certainly help clients with nagging problems. But increasingly they call us in for positive and forward-looking reasons; to add a second opinion to ideas they're already formulating; or to fuse our experience and expertise with theirs. We're mainly not a lifeboat service."

There is another reason for the new profile. Management consultants, as one senior manager admitted, had the reputation of being "fast-talking, pushy charlatans". They gained greater professional standing when they became an integral part of the sedate, precision-minded accounting firms which in the 1970s made up something like 75 per cent of MCA volume.

Management consultants agree that two of the instruments of change in their fortunes have been the impact of information technology and the major rationalization of industry.

Companies know that if they are to remain competitive and profitable they have to harness their resources to information technology and are turning to management consultants for specialist advice.

It earned MCA members £69 million in revenue last year, double the amount of the previous year.

The shake-out in industry has brought its rewards in several areas of human resource deployment. Many companies, having cut back on the numbers of staff they employed directly, now rely more upon consultants to help them plan strategy, devise internal training programmes and set pay and benefit levels for their employers.

The Government's drive for increased efficiency has also opened up the public sector doors to consultants.

The six-page Griffiths Report three years ago recommending putting the National Health Service on business management lines helped to account for £16 million turnover by management consultants in that sector last year.

And with 192 district health authorities having to rationalize their structures the potential appears enormous.

A gain from Big Bang

The public sector accounted for some £56 million in management consultant fees last year according to the association. In 1985 the amount was £35 million. In the private sector the corresponding figures were £145 million and £107 million.

Management consultants, as an instance, gained from Big Bang the deregulation of the City, their expertise being called upon in the installation of the services sector's new technology.

The upheaval in the financial services, in fact, has left consulting firms turning away work, unable to cope with the demand.

There are relatively few that are market specialists in the market and it is not an area where outsiders will find it easy to establish credentials.

The Treasury has produced a booklet entitled *Seeking Help from Management Consultants*, and in a new departure the Ministry of Defence now offers comprehensive written debriefs to consultants who are not successful on engagements.

Management consultants view the MoD initiative as one which in the long term will enable them to improve the service they offer and also be of great encouragement to bidding in the future.

As a senior consultant said: "It is not constructive to learn that it was a close run thing," and that "you were one of 18 firms that tied for second place".

Richard Owen, national director of Touche Ross Management, and chairman of the MCA, envisages nothing but growth for management consultants in the foreseeable future, primarily brought about by the growing need for greater efficiency and the limitless potential of information technology.

Having lived through his own profession's as well as the nation's recession, Richard Owen, commenting on the upsurge of economic growth, said: "It is a sad fact that there will be more and more work for those in work and less for those who are not. It may lead to disorder in the streets but there will be more work for management consultants."

But the burgeoning demand for management consultants can also bring problems in its wake for the consultancy firms themselves. With so much expertise demanded, where do they recruit the expertise to fulfil their clients' requirements?

Many, in fact, are finding that their growth in business is outstripping their ability to find new blood.

Denis Tindley, senior manager at Deloitte Haskins and Sells, and senior vice president of the MCA, said: "Not only is there a difficulty in recruiting the right people, the shortage of staff is actually acting as a constraint on the growth of management consultancy."

In a company of this size ideal recruits are those who have an honours degree as an indication of intellectual calibre, preferably combined with some form of post-graduate qualification.

Denis Tindley says: "This should be combined with management experience in an organization of blue-chip calibre. We are looking for people who will understand our clients' needs."

Smaller companies tend to recruit exclusively from mature, experienced managers who have a proven track record.

The MCA recently compiled a list of typical applicant profiles. They included a 27-year-old IT consultant who worked for the Civil Service first as programmer and analyst, then as an internal consultant lecturer on systems development and project control; a 31-year-old civil engineer who took an M Sc in business studies before joining a cable and telecommunications group and a 37-year-old mathematics graduate who worked in a heavy manufacturing company before moving to a micro-computer operation handling sales, technical support and network installation.

Good career, long-term

Commented Richard Owen: "Management consultancy is a good development ground for those who use it as a career accelerator. An increasing number of civil servants are joining our ranks, and why not.

"The Civil Service recruits chartered accountants that we have trained. Why should it not be equally appropriate to become a "chartered civil servant" and transfer into industry or the professions. Management consultancy can also be a good long-term career for those who elect to stay in it."

The changes, however, are producing other problems for some of the management consultancy firms. While a number of small firms have sprung up there is a general recognition that their future will only be secure if they concentrate on very specialized areas.

And it is the middle-sized firms who are finding it tough, hemmed in on one side by the small, specialist firms, and on the other by the well-established group practices, particularly those that have grown around accountancy firms.

It was this realization that led to the merger of two of the most venerable names in British consulting, P-E International and Inbucon.

Management consults are not just employed by the large and medium sized firms. The MCA reported that 17 per cent of their clients are small businesses (compared with 4 per cent in 1985) — small businesses being defined as firms employing fewer than 25 people.

This increase in interest was demonstrated when the Government launched a programme to provide subsidized marketing advice to small firms. More than 1,200 applications came within the first few months and a long waiting list built up.

Says Richard Owen: "Government grants for computer studies and marketing plans have clearly been a contributory factor in the growth of our small business clients."

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Richard Owen, chairman of the industry association: envisaging nothing but growth

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Fees earned by member firms of the Management Consultancies Association in 1986

	(1985) £m	1986 £m
GEOGRAPHICAL AREA		
United Kingdom	142	201
EEC	10	10
Middle East and North Africa	4	5
Far East and Australia	2	4
Africa, south of the Sahara	4	3
Americas	3	3
Rest of Europe	3	2
Totals	**168**	**228**
PRINCIPAL SERVICES (UK EARNINGS)		
Information technology	35	69
Finance and administration	28	44
Corporate strategy and organization development	19	23
Manufacturing management and technology	18	19
Marketing sales and distribution	10	15
Personnel management and training	15	12
Executive selection	10	10
Economic and environmental studies	7	9
Totals	**142**	**201**
SECTORS IN UK		
Private sector	107	145
Public sector: central government	18	27
Public sector: local government, health authorities etc	11	19
Nationalized industries	6	10
Totals	**142**	**201**

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The Management Consultancies Association was formed in 1956. Its primary purpose is to ensure that management consulting work is carried out to exacting standards by requiring adherence to a code of professional practice. The Association also prides itself upon its stringent conditions for membership which relate to the stability, experience and qualifications of its professional workforce. These are verified annually. Approximately 60% of the management consultancy work known to have been undertaken in the United Kingdom in 1986 was carried out by members of the Association.

The services provided by Members include:

- Corporate Strategy & Organisation Development
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Stringent tests are required to join the institute. Michael Hatfield reports

Weeding out non-professionals

The Institute of Management Consultants entered its silver jubilee year with a head of self-generated steam behind it. Internal changes over the last three years have been introduced to improve both it and its members' professional standing.

They include a revised code of conduct, a complaints' procedure for clients, a new "body of knowledge" laying down criteria for acceptance as a management consultant, and the introduction of a new core syllabus for training and education.

This image-building has had a dual but related purpose. In the first instance, as one senior institute member said, the higher you raise your professional standards the more you are going to attract clients. The second reason is the product of recent growth. A rolling monetary bandwagon can attract some undesirable passengers.

The institute member explained: "Anyone can set up as a management consultant, and have been doing, and bad work can only be damaging to the profession as a whole. We want clients who will only give contracts to management consults who have been accepted as members of the institute."

How many individuals — and membership of the institute is on an individual, not company, basis — are practising management consultancy is an unknown quantity. Guestimates range between 6,000 and 10,000.

The institute has 3,200 members — double the number of a decade ago — and Graham Perkins, executive director, estimates there are another 1,000 who already have qualifications to be members if only they could be recruited.

In heightening its public profile, Michael Allen, the institute's president will talk abut PR, but not meaning public relations or press releases. PR to him is "public recognition".He says: "We must set ourselves a realistic target of increasing recognition of the institute and its members by the 'public' with whom we have most contact and, hopefully, influence: clients, and more importantly, prospective clients."



The new code of professional conduct is designed with that end in mind, as are the revised disciplinary procedures which are to be introduced in the new year.

Says Allen: "The institute as the professional body can do a certain amount on a global basis and avenues are being explored. But at the end of the day the most effective, and perhaps most realistic, means of getting our message across will be our own individual and practice efforts.

Self-help for all communications

He adds: "We must make and take opportunities to let our clients, and prospective clients, know that we are members of the institute and what that means in terms of professional standards and quality of service."

Qualifications are stringent. Of the 200 to 300 who apply for membership each year, 15 per cent are disqualified immediately because of insufficient professional qualifications. And of those that pass the initial test 20 per cent can expect to fail first time.

The new methods of entry mean that instead of a written examination for associate entry, applicants now have to go before a review board — an interview which can last for over an hour — and if accepted pass to full membership.

Michael Allen said the review boards were no easy ride, recalling one member who actually went before three boards, acquiring the requisite qualifications and experience on the way, before he was finally accepted.

As part of the education process, the institute is now running residential courses on the core skills of management consulting. They are designed for management consultants in the first six months of their career, including specialists who wish to broaden their skills, members of firms who do not run a course of their own, sole practitioners, internal consultants and experienced managers entering consultancy as a new career.

The course objectives have been designed from two perspectives:

- The consultant in relation to the profession, which covers an understanding of the profession and how to manage within this context, working in and leading project teams and self-management;
- The consultant in relation to the client, the emphasis being placed on influencing skills, primarily on persuasion and selling, practical work centring on fact-finding meetings, written reports, and presentations both one to one and to a group.

The revised code of conduct is seen as constituting a clear statement of what the institute requires of its members and what membership of the institute means.

Moreover, it is seen as a strong means of communicating to clients the standards which distinguish institute members.

The code is structured on three basic principles, dealing with high standards of service to the client, independence, objectivity and integrity — in other words, members should avoid any action or situation which would be inconsistent with his professional obligations or impair his integrity — and finally responsibility to the profession.



Graham Perkins: another 1,000 potential members — if only they could be recruited

The question of integrity raises important issues. A member, for instance, has to maintain a fully independent position with a client at all times, with advice and recommendations based upon a thorough and impartial consideration of the facts.

In other words, he would have to disclose, for example, any directorships or controlling interest in a business in competition with the client, or, for that matter, any financial interest in goods or services recommended or supplied to the client.

Time and motion becomes scientific

Management consultancy has come a long way from the "time and motion" men — the butt of music hall jokes and shop stewards — and the spring has long since run down on the story of the consultant borrowing a client's watch to tell the time, *writes Michael Hatfield.*

Yet people like Richard Owen, chairman of the Management Consultancies Association, the trade organization, would argue that it still has a symbolic relevance.

He says: "The consultant obtains his knowledge of a client's business by talking to him and distilling his ideas into a proposed solution. Hence, the charge of borrowing his watch to tell the time — — to which I plead guilty and impenitent."

In the changing world in which they live, management consultants have become more sophisticated in their approach. Their two responsibilities, as they see it, are to do what the client tells them to do — that is, to respond to precise terms of reference — and suggest what the client might tell them to do.

Says Richard Owen: "The client that really frightens me stiff is the one who abdicates in our favour. "Well, of course, you are the experts", or, "I don't want to keep a dog and bark myself." The most successful assignments are conducted with clients who argue and involve themselves."

His message to potential clients is simple: "If you go Christmas shopping hoping for inspiration you often come home empty-handed or dissatisfied. Like consultancy engagements, it's much better to decide what you want and define your requirements first."

Owen, and many of the seasoned practitioners like him, are echoes of the early pioneers, though in those early days they were seen as industrial engineers rather than management consultants. But all the traits are still there: a dash of opportunism, which has certainly caught the wave of the current economic upturn, strong instincts and a flamboyance allied with systematic thinking.

The tomb of one of the pioneers of consultancy, Frederick Taylor (1856-1915) at Germantown, Philadelphia, carries the simple inscription "The Father of Scientific Management". It was he who, among other proposals, recommended that workers in a steel works should use different types of shovels for differently weighted kinds of materials to improve efficiency.

It was from the early work of Taylor and his preoccupation with time study, and people such as Frank and Lillian Gilbreth, engrossed in motion study, that the figure of fun and fear in the Fifties — the man with the stopwatch — emerged.

Management consultancy made its transatlantic voyage to United Kingdom shores in the Thirties and established itself after the Second World War. As a result of the foresight of people such as the legendary (within the MC world) Lyndall Urwick — he it was who philosophied that consultants must educate clients and their staff to manage better for themselves — the British Institute of Management was formed in 1947.

A decade later there were more than 1,000 consultants operating in the county. Three quarters of the consultancy work was carried out by four companies whose names still figure in the upper echelons of management consultancy, and who were the founder members, in 1956, of the MCA. P-E Consulting Group, Urwick Orr and Partners, Inbucon, the successor to the British Bedaux Company, and PA Management Consultants.

Management consultants today who cast a baleful eye at those entering the profession without proper qualifications are not experiencing something new. The Registrar of Consultants was set up by the BIM in 1948 "to provide a



recommendation of competence in the face of the increasing number of consultants entering the profession post-war who held no qualifications."

It was over twenty years later that the Management Consultancies Association decided to sponsor an independent Institute of Management Consultants, the body that today is geared towards maintaining and improving professional standards, while the MCA gets down to the business of promoting the trade of consultancy.

And though the bonanza period for management consultancy is fertilizing a mushroom-growth of companies there is no corresponding increase in MCA membership. The paradox is answered not in dissatisfaction with the body but in its stringent rules for entry.

Potential members have to prove that they have established a good reputation in the market place and are capable of sustaining a high quality service, and also that they *undertake significant* management consultancy projects for "prestigious" clients.

The ring is drawn even tighter in that the qualifications for membership ensure that there is an adequate depth of consulting experience within a member firm. Basic conditions that have to be fulfilled include:

- They must have been in practice in the United Kingdom as management consultants for at least five years, covering a representative cross section of industry, government, and commerce, and covering the whole or two or more recognized fields of activity as defined by the MCA.
- They must employ in the United Kingdom, on a full-time basis, not less than 15 consulting staff, with a minimum of ten within at least one recognized field of activity.
- A minimum of at least three full-time partners or directors must each have had 10 years management consulting experience of which five must have been with the member firm.
- At least 25 per cent of the consulting staff must each have had at least five years management consulting experience with the member firm and the average length of service with the firm of the whole consulting staff must be at least three years.
- Not less than 90 per cent of the consulting staff of members must hold degrees of recognized universities or equivalent qualifications, or full membership of an established professional institution approved by the MCA.

Johnny-come-latelies, in other words, don't stand a chance of membership. The good management consultant, however, can still be ordained with the imprimateur of professionalism through meeting the qualifications required for membership of the Institute.

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Edward Fennell spots a trend to internationalism

Uniting around the globe

Since its earliest days as a recognizably separate discipline, management consultancy has been an international affair. Nowadays, of course, management consultants not only work with multinational companies, they work in international situations. The problems and the experts alike are scattered across the world.

So it is surprising that until earlier this year the globe-trotting management consultants had not got round to bringing together their respective national professional bodies into a network of worldwide associations. Maybe the informal personal ties between individual consultants in, say, Britain, the US and Canada had satisfied the desire for wider professional horizons.

But, whatever the reasons, until the first International Congress of Management Consulting Institutes was held in Paris last spring nothing on an international scale had ever been organized.

From now on it is likely to be very different. Since a lead from John Roethle, the president-elect of the US's Institute of Management Consultants, the management-consulting institutes of Australia, Austria, Canada, Nigeria, southern Africa, the UK and the US laid the foundations for an international council and have been gratified to find that the idea has caught on more than they had expected.

Roland Orr of Roland Orr and Partners who took part in the congress on behalf of the Institute of Management Consultants, said: "When we all got together at the international congress we were most encouraged to discover that we had far more similarities than dissimilarities between the practices in our various countries.

"Though we were complete strangers from many countries gathered together for the first time we soon found we were discussing the issues together in a very positive way."

Following on from the Paris congress, the infant international council has set up a number of "action teams" to work on a range of issues such as the code of professional conduct and membership requirements.

The next steps will be taken in May 1988 at Dusseldorf which will, in effect, host the first meeting of the "international council." Various papers and proposals will be presented there and the international organization will be well and truly launched.

Its value is seen as being two-fold. First, as professionals, the management consultants believes they have much to learn from each other.

Because of the multinational nature of the market it is extremely useful to have a point of contact overseas for research, back-up and advice. And, as a matter of principle, individual national institutes will have an open-door "welcome" policy for foreign management consultants to help get them started when they first arrive in a new country for an assignment.

Second, at an institutional level the various bodies around the globe feel that they have much to learn from each other on what kind of services they offer their members. "This will be particularly valuable and interesting," said Graham Perkins the IMC's executive director, "because I'm sure it will give us ideas about new things which we can undertake.."

The area of research in which Britain in particular has taken a lead is over the quetion of membership requirements. Clearly as an association of professional bodies there needs to be some rough equivalence between the various countries arrangements for the qualifications of their members.

A detailed analysis conducted by the IMC of the 12 "leading" institutes in the world revealed substantial differences and even generated basic questions such as "What exactly do we mean by the term management consultant?"

Nonetheless, Graham Perkins and colleagues are relishing the challenge of trying to pull the fragmented international set-up into a recognizable shape.

Back among the minor gods

The coat of arms of the Institute of Management Consultants was designed, naturally to tell a story, to act as a symbol of what management consultancy is about. What was not so obvious at the time of its creation was that it was redolent with irony, the bitter taste of which has been experienced and has conditioned attitudes ever since.

It has a sun in splendour signifying the overall approach of consultants, with a cogwheel inside to signify industry and business. Included is a gold cornucopia signifying plenty, or prosperity, and a white fesse with 10 black dots to represent a punched tape (now a thing of the past with the onslaught of information technology) for input to electronic computers.

But the sun has not always shone on management consultants and the horn of plenty has been known to seize up. The crest was fashioned in the halcyon days of the expanding 1960s when management consultants could parade through the industrial scene as minor gods who, it was hoped, could deliver panaceas.

But then came not one but a series of recessions – slashing the size of staffs in the large management consultancies by a quarter – and the image was broken.

Today the management consultant may once again be bathing in the luxury of a boom period, but the demands and needs of the client-buyer of his services have changed. As Hedley Thomas, of Price Waterhouse, and former president of the Institute explained:

"These days clients know what they want solving, how they wish it to be solved and know what they want to be associated with. It is for the management consultant, brought in for his specialized skills, to deliver what is needed."

The new realism has brought about significant changes within the profession. Standards and quality of service have been heightened, a new code of conduct introduced as well as a "body of knowledge" required by management consultants, and more stringent measures for membership of either the Institute or the trade organization, the Management Consultancies Association.



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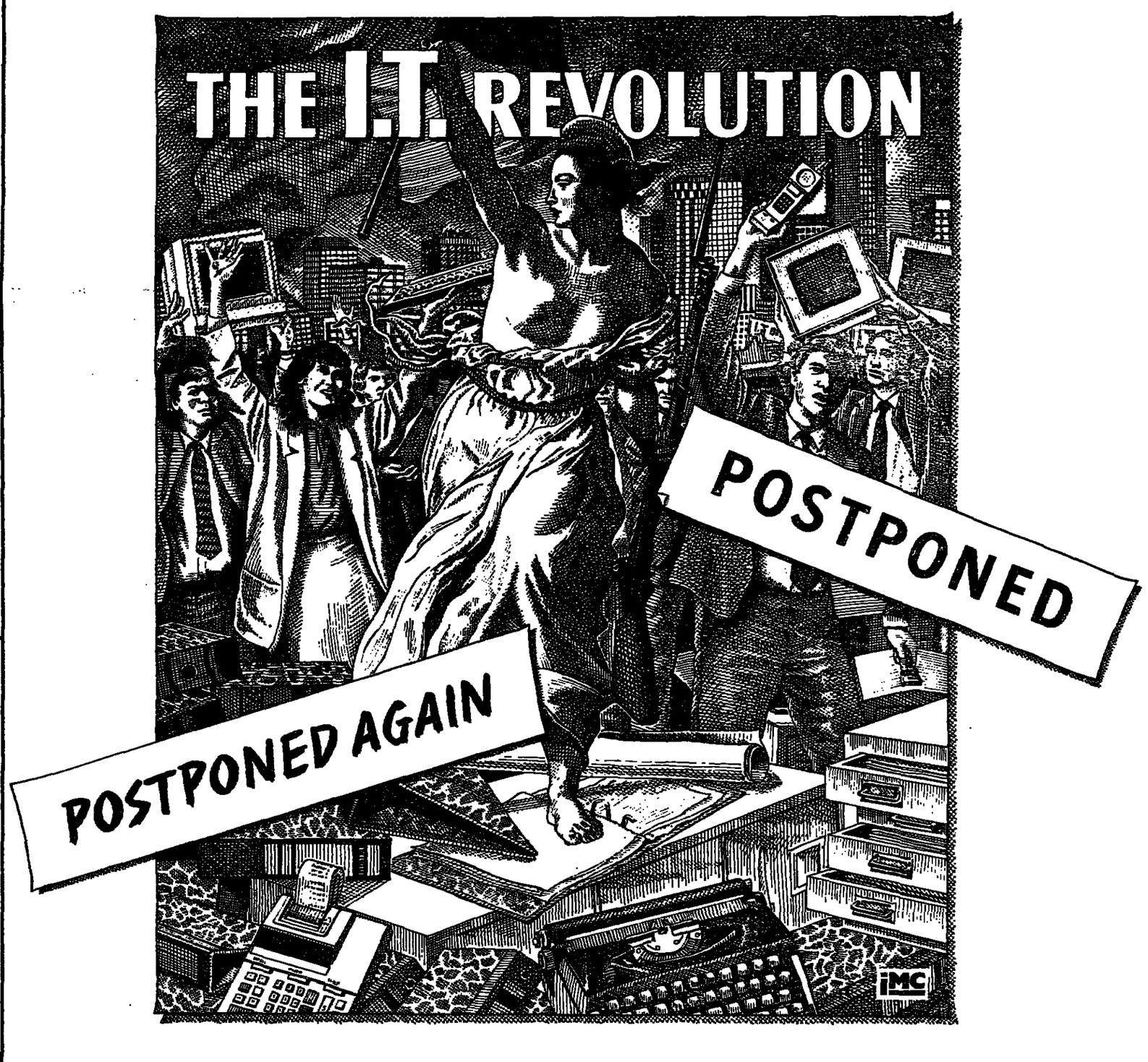
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Look for the one stop shop

Companies facing a crisis or critically short of expertise in a key area can sometimes be suckers for poor quality management consultancy.

So if you are thinking about using a management consultant for the first time, or looking for a new kind of consultancy to provide a fresh view, you need to take care at the start to make sure that you have selected the right firm.

The most important thing is to be working with people who understand you and what you need. One of the main reasons why the accountancy firms have grown so strong in management consultancy is because they already have a well-established relationship with their clients.

In the case of KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, for example, about 30 per cent of MC work comes from accounting clients.

It may turn out best to work with someone you know and go for a "one stop shop" for all your accounting or software and MC needs.

Not everyone recommends this however. There are often occasions when it is best to start from scratch with the complete outsider who has no prejudices (and no vested interest) about what should be done.

Indeed the summons: "Bring in a consultant" can sometimes seem a neat way of getting out of a fix by getting a new perspective on the problems.

It is exactly to meet this problem that Employment Relations, a member of Arthur Young International, runs seminars to help small to medium sized firms select the right kind of consultant for them.

Employment Relations has analyzed the function of the consultant into 14 different roles (shown in the chart) and according to which function you want might opt for someone different.

As Ann Gammie, a senior consultant at Employment Relations, said: "Unless you understand your own problems it is hard to choose the sort of consultant you want, but once you have done that you need to shop around among a variety of firms to see who will provide the best service."

Ann Gammie advises her clients not to be shy about asking detailed questions of those you invite to pitch for the job.

"Interview them about their methodology and ask to see previous examples of their work. And even more important be a bit searching about the *results* of their work. If possible talk with some of their other clients – you need to be sure that what they recommend can actually be achieved".

The "personal chemistry" between the client and the partner and senior members of the MC team are almost the most vital element of all. Whatever the size of the project there will inevitably be long interviews and discussions so personal rapport are essential.

Don't get carried away by their charm, wit and apparent industriousness, however, until you have got a written proposal out of them. This can often be the clincher. The way the various firms present themselves in black-and-white and their response to your preliminary discussions should be an opportunity for crystalizing the depth of their understanding.

Once the project starts, a high level of trust between client and consultant is vital. Consultants often fall victim to the internal politics of their clients but if information is being withheld or a slant put on particular issues then the quality of the consultancy is bound to be reduced.

Trust is vital with your own staff as well. If a warehouse or distribution problem is under review then the managers of those areas need to be brought into the discussions at the earliest stage. By leaving them out you may be undermining the value of the whole project both during the research and later during implementations.

A smooth-running operation has the hallmarks of good communication all round. The consultant should be keeping the client regularly informed about how things are going.

Of course one of the key issues is whether the consultants are going to stay around to see any changes through to implementation. It is not always appropriate or necessary but the best consultants will usually be interested in seeing through the job to its conclusion as an important part of "quality assuring" their work.

Edward Fennell

ROLES OF THE CONSULTANT

- **Reflector** – raises questions for reflection.
- **Fact finder** – gathers data and identifies key implications.
- **Solution provider** – provides discrete service or product specific to client's stated needs.
- **Auditor** – reviews client situation and problem areas, analyses and presents the results.
- **Advocate** – proposes guidelines, makes recommendations.
- **Technical expert** – provides technical information and suggestions for policy or practice decisions.
- **Enabler** – identifies alternatives and resources for clients and helps assess consequences.
- **Implementer** – assists or leads implementation of recommendations.
- **Trainer/educator** – designs learning experiences and trains the client.
- **Influencer** – seeks and gains broad commitment for specific action.
- **Collaborator in problem solving** – operates as team member offering alternatives and advising in options.
- **System specialist** – applies specific methodology involving client participation.
- **Facilitator** – directs clients in analytical processes, challenges thinking and conclusions, promotes broader capabilty.
- **Catalyst and adviser** – identifies issues, potential pitfalls in client situation and prompts/advises on appropriate action to reach long-term goals.

Millions for the asking

Privatization has alone contributed £17 million to the upsurge of IT

Information technology may be the unstoppable pacemaker in the remarkable expansion of management consultancy – it could be worth as much as £150 million this year – but there have been other growth areas.

The needs of the public sector have been a massive contributory factor in the overall upsurge.

The Government's privatization programme alone, a market cornered by Touche Ross, has been worth a turnover of £17 million. And there has been also the increase of human-resource development, jargon, primarily, for pay and remuneration at management level after the big shake-out in industry and the need for skills to create a greater competitive edge.

There has been, additionally, the more recent, if relatively limited, shake-out, in financial services. One of a number of consultancies to benefit, KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, has 45 specialist human-resource consultants. It is in the area of redundancy/career counselling that the company has found a significant growth in business in the last few months.

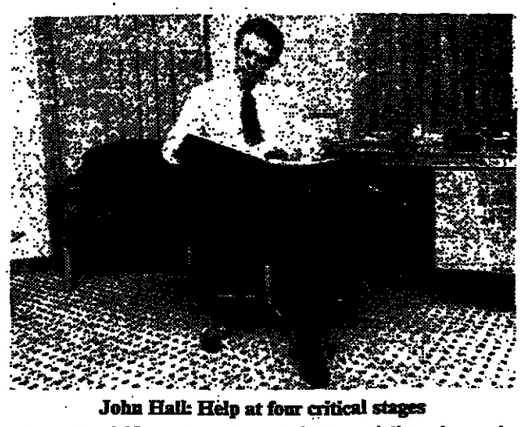
John Hall, PMM's partner responsible for these services, believes the trend is likely to continue for some time to come.

An American concept known as "downsizing" offers help to companies at four critical stages, the first identifying the potential for cost of employee reductions. The other stages are identifying options, career counselling or out-placement (pushing people into other jobs with indecent haste) and helping to rebuild morale and performance within the client organization.

But information technology stands at the top of the podium in the minds of management consultants.

The figures speak for themselves. The MCA reckons its members did £69 million of IT-related consultancy in 1986 — that is 98 per cent more than the previous year. While some believe that this is an overestimate, most analysts believe that IT-related work is growing at the rate of 30 per cent a year.

The insatiable need of companies for knowledge on information technology and assistance for its application was revealed in a Price Waterhouse Management Consultants survey. It showed that half of UK companies had no corporate plan for IT but that eight out of 10 planned or have carried out an IT-strategy study.



John Hall: Help at four critical stages

Ninety-eight per cent rise in trade

However, the findings showed that most companies experienced great difficulties in carrying out IT strategy studies and that they frequently failed to develop an IT plan.

As Jim Donaldson, group director of the P-E consultants group, explains: "There is a trend towards buying in expertise from outside and that is evident with computers as it is elsewhere. People are buying in, whether it is IT or anything else".

Mr Donaldson makes another point: "The problem seems to be that too many managers prefer to leave IT to their IT specialists who can be blamed when things go wrong. Whether this is a problem of age or lack of training is unclear, but we cannot wait for a new generation of management before IT is seen in the correct perspective as an important but nonetheless only a single aspect of management."

The other aspect growing in importance, human-resource management, has been generated not only by the upheaval in industry but the need for companies, whether in manufacturing or service, to have a more biting edge to survive in the increasingly competitive market place.

In the final analysis of human-resource development, the remuneration of managers is the large growth area. Management consultants specializing in the field talk of growth rates of 40 per cent in each of the last three years, with no sign of a let-up this year.

The reasons are many, but primarily the ending of pay restraint and incomes in the 1970s meant that firms could turn their minds to how best to attract and reward skilled staff.

They started to do this after the large-scale shedding of staff during the recession and managers needed to devise new pay structures for their leaner and slimmer organizations.

With companies becoming more sophisticated in the way they reward their managerial staff, they have brought in management consultants to advise not only in finding the right personnel but also on training and recruitment.

In the public sector, management consultants are increasingly called in for a whole range of advice and services. A report by the MCA on public-sector engagements revealed that well over 100 projects had been awarded to its members.

Assignments ranged from museums to high technology, schools to universities, forensic science to magistrates courts and armouries to dockyards.

Richard Owen, as chairman of the MCA, says: "Our members have been heavily involved in the implementation of new technology in the health service and also assisting the new general managers in their efforts to establish new organizations. For many years management consultants have been used to assist government in the monitoring of nationalized industries and managing major projects".

That the public sector relies heavily on advice from management consultants is shown by the fact that the management and pay office in the Cabinet Office and most big government departments maintain lists of consultants and comprehensive files on the work they have done and the standards they have achieved in their work. The Treasury has produced a booklet entitled *Seeking Help from Management Consultants*.

Michael Hatfield



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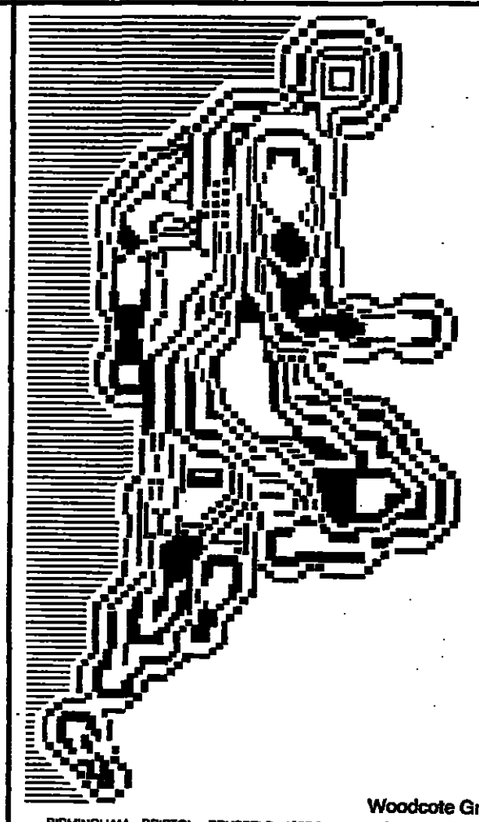
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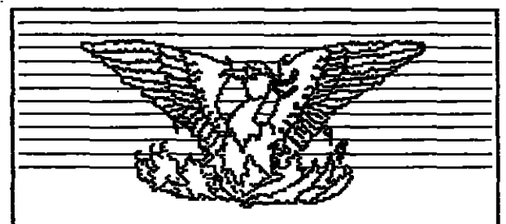
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Time to set the sponsors free

OPINION
Keith Yeomans
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When Thames Television broadcasts *The Mikado* this month, it will mark a growing and virtually inevitable trend in broadcasting. The English National Opera production, to be paid for by the Clerical Medical Investment Group, is ITV's first venture into programme sponsorship. At present, the BBC and ITV are permitted to cover sponsored events only when the sponsor does not pay them directly. However, advertisers and agencies now see the benefits of sponsorship and this is putting increasing pressure on the restriction. The BBC and the IBA are already both reviewing their position as they look for ways to adapt to a more competitive media environment, and new broadcasting acts are on the way.

In our experience advertisers want sponsorship because it suits the move to more campaigns targeted at specific lifestyles. A building society, for example, might like to sponsor a programme about family money.

Programme sponsorship is growing internationally. It is fuelling the largely commercial expansion of satellite channels and the privatization of terrestrial channels in Europe. At the same time it can put expensive programmes — like *Dallas* — within the reach of channels in poorer countries operating in the new TV markets of Asia-Pacific. We, too, will feel the need of sponsorship as we sail into international waters. Agencies estimate that programme output here will expand faster than the advertising revenue needed to finance it. The licence fee is pegged and pay TV still only a gleam in the technologist's eye.

So far, British broadcasters have been cautious of programme sponsorship, seeing it as a threat to the editorial independence vouchsafed for them by Lord Reith in the Twenties and Thirties. Even he accepted sponsorship in principle as a way of financing the new television service in 1935, although in the end, of course, it was paid for purely from the licence fee. At the same time John Grierson and others were forging the British film documentary tradition on sponsors' money. Much of the broadcasters' caution is unfounded. Corporate image sponsors are attracted to major soaps, or drama series like *Fortunes of War*. They realize it would be counter-productive to interfere in such productions. Much of light entertainment would not suffer from sponsor involvement. The arts, education and public service programming, all endangered species in a commercial ecology, already offer excellent vehicles for sponsors.It will, of course, be necessary to safeguard news, current affairs and documentaries.

We need sponsorship to nourish our domestic production industry, now that it is gaining greater access to our screens. It may not otherwise survive.

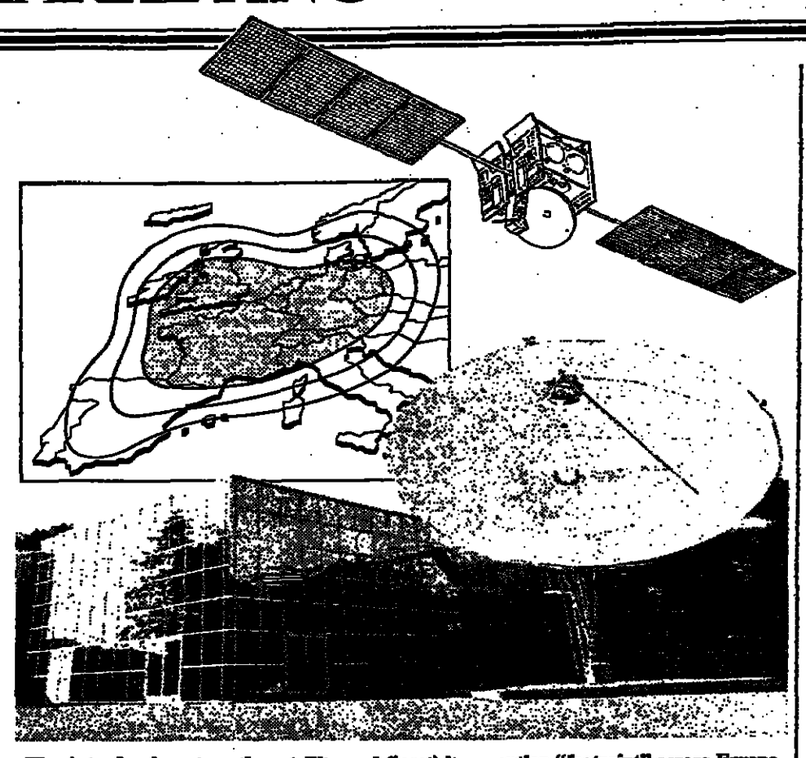
A divide has grown in the UK between commerce and culture. It seems strange to the Americans and to the French, whose cultural patronage lies in a European tradition stretching back to ancient Greece. It would also seem strange to the Victorian trade barons who founded some of our galleries and universities. Both commerce and culture are demeaned by the divide.

The broadcast regulators will have a hard job weighing issues and evaluating commercial arguments to make sure that this potential new income source does not undermine the standards of our public service broadcasting tradition. The judicious pragmatism which has sustained them in the past should help them take the best from the opportunities offered by sponsorship.

The author is managing director of Media Development Ltd.

‘As they study the matter, we just bleed...’

The Astra TV satellite faces many problems before countdown, warns Nick Higham



The Astra headquarters, the satellite, and (inset) its reception “footprint” across Europe

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has been Europe's court jester since the start of Radio Luxembourg more than 50 years ago. Now it is about to launch into space.

Appropriately, for a project which will help to keep its Ruritanian host nation solvent, the Société Européenne des Satellites (SES) is based at Betzdorf, which until a dozen years ago was home to the Luxembourg royal family.

Today Betzdorf has been rescued from dereliction and is being turned into the headquarters of Astra, a 16-channel pan-European satellite television project to be launched next October.

In the grounds of the old château is a new miniature space centre, from which the satellite will be tracked and controlled. Behind the scenes are a dozen investors, including the Luxembourg government (20 per cent) and Thames Television (5 per cent), which between them have put up $190 million to get Astra off the launch pad.

But this hi-tech project is also dauntingly high-risk. Though Astra's satellite is already built, and the first steps are now being taken to market the Astra concept, no channel has yet agreed to take a slot on the satellite.

What is more, there are still doubts about the European regulatory environment in which Astra will operate — and no guarantee, thanks to a classic Euro-tangle over technological development, that the appropriate reception equipment will be on the market in time.

None of this daunts SES's director-general Pierre Meyrat, a veteran of cable television in Germany and Switzerland. For him, Astra is a classic example of free enterprise spotting a gap in the market. “People want to have more television programmes and more choice,” he says. Until now they have been prevented from having them, unless they lived in an area served by cable TV, because the state-owned telecommunications monopolies controlling satellite TV have failed to respond to the demand.

Astra is planned to remedy that. It will broadcast at higher power than existing satellites, so that individual households as well as cable networks will be able to pick up its programmes on small dishes at affordable prices: in the UK, Dixons says it will have 500,000 receivers in its shops in Astra's first year at around £300 a time.

Astra is intended to become the “hot bird” of Europe: the satellite at which every receiving dish is pointed. SES will make its money from renting its channels to programme providers for between £3 million and £5 million a year, or roughly twice what they pay now for the existing ECS-1.

A potential shortage of reception equipment does not alarm Meyrat. “Our main aim is to try to take the manufacturers with us and have the sets ready,” he says. “No doubt demand for sets will be bigger than supply in the beginning, but that situation will go quickly.” He and his team hope that, within six months of Astra's launch, manufacturers will have produced microchips which will enable viewers to decode signals from scrambled pay-TV channels, of which Astra hopes to attract three or four.

Meyrat concedes that all might not be plain sailing. The EEC and the Council of Europe are both trying to harmonize national regulations governing television, ostensibly in the interests of a freer market in cross-border television. But Meyrat is suspicious of the bureaucrats' attempts to make his life easier: “We think we could live more easily under the present rules than under a new convention,” he says, and the Luxembourg government agrees with him.

Potential clients of Astra, like Patrick Cox, chief executive of Sky Channel, have a different fear. They are less worried about European governments' interference in what goes up to the satellite from broadcasters than about countries refusing to let their citizens watch some of what comes down.

Cox wants more concrete assurances before he will commit Sky to the new satellite. “We have got as far as we have by being meticulous in our arrangements with governments,” he says.

He complains: “They don't say ‘No’, they say ‘We are studying the matter’, and meanwhile you're bleeding yourself white waiting for them.” Overcoming the doubts of Cox and other channel operators is now critical. To help, Astra has formed a joint venture with British Telecom to market 11 of the 16 channels. That not only reflects the importance of London as a television centre, but also the new entrepreneurial spirit at BT, the only privatized telecommunications monopoly in Europe, and the Anglophone bias of the project. The UK, where cable television has failed to take off, is the major European market still largely untapped by the new television services.

Now British Telecom has the job of trying to persuade people like Cox to be the first to jump. At stake, as Patrick Cox points out, are existing audiences. It is no good switching to Astra if the cable operators' receiving dishes remain obstinately pointing at another satellite.

“There is no doubt in my mind that most of the existing programmers will seek to move to Astra — it is an issue of survival for them,” says British Telecom's Steve Maine. But he also says a switch will demand not only higher rentals but also greater investment by the channels to make their programmes appeal to a wider market.

“The price has to be right,” is the response of Peter Laister, chief executive of Robert Maxwell's TV operations. “There's no point in spending money on a fancy new satellite unless you get some advantage from it.”

The bird may fly. But whether there will be any programmes to watch remains an open question.

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Birth of the blues

When a fierce argument broke out in the offices of *New Musical Express* last week about whether a picture of Paul McCartney should appear on the front cover, it was a symptom of what one staffer has called the struggle for the soul of the paper.

The latest round in the turmoil at Britain's best-selling musical weekly (circulation 99,000) started in September when senior management at IPC,worried by criticisms of salaciousness, banned a series, Pop Babylon, claiming to look into the death, delinquency, drugs and deception in the private lives of modern pop stars.

As a result *NME*'s media editor Stuart Cosgrove was asked to leave, apparently with a golden handshake of £7,000. Other journalists were also reportedly helped out of the door. The staff felt the paper's new editor, Alan Lewis, who had joined only a month earlier, should have carried the can. All of them (except the deputy editor) and a substantial body of freelancers — 34 in all — signed a letter of no confidence in him.

NME circulation has been under attack from its rivals. *Smash Hits*, published by rivals EMAP, has steadily built up circulation of more than 520,000 a fortnight — largely composed of young teenagers. Last year *NME* found itself under attack from another EMAP product, *Q*, a glossy aimed at educated rock music enthusiasts in their 30s, (the kind of people who read *NME* in the 1970s), now has a circulation of 60,000 a month.

Cosgrove feels the IPC management is flailing in the dark. “Their orientation is simply towards safer territory. I scream at the thought of that. If they were in touch with music at all, they would have pre-empted the existence of *Smash Hits* and *Q*. They're completely desperate.”

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Rumpus over TV listings

Andrew Lycett reports on a new round in the fight to publish schedules of TV programmes

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Applicants are invited to apply to Tony Elliott, publisher of *Time Out*, the successful weekly guide to London. He wants a legislator to insert a simple clause to deregulate the listings in the Copyright Bill currently going through parliament.

He has already spent £150,000 challenging the BBC and ITV's copyright on programme information. The issue is simple. He wants to publish a 16-page section in *Time Out*, listing a week's television at a glance. The BBC and ITV object because that might hit the circulations, and advertising revenues, of their own weekly publications. They will lift their copyright to allow daily newspapers to publish the next day's schedules, but a week's listing, no. When Elliott tried it in 1983, he had an an injunction slapped on him, restricting *Time Out* to 15 selections (plus films) a week from the BBC and 21 from ITV.

He says: "This monopoly is absurd because the number of hours of television broadcasting has increased dramatically." He quotes other reasons for returning to the offensive: the Government's commitment to competition – particularly in broadcasting – the growth of cable and satellite television, the appointment of Michael Grade at Channel Four, as well as the crucial Copyright Bill.

Any of these reasons could, he feels, provide the stimulus for publication of a complete timetable of all programmes. TV listing magazines which do this have served as the core of media empires in Germany and the United States.

The listings war here started in earnest when Channel Four opened in 1982. The new station's board toyed with publishing its own magazine, but according to one report, the ITV companies pressured it into using their own *TV Times*. Roger Graef, the film producer who was a C4 board member at the time, says the main reason C4 decided to go with *TV Times* was that it needed the magazine's large circulation. However, C4 licensed its schedules to *TV Times* only until 1989. If privatization of the channel is a possibility under its new boss, Michael Grade, so is a rethink listings.

The arrival of C4 also stimulated a rash of interest in independently produced listings magazines. Businessman Michael Storey (brother of the novelist and playwright David) attempted to publish a weekly, *TV Choice*, with an initial print run of 124,000.

But the BBC took him and later, Tony Elliott, to court. Mr Justice Whitford saw Elliott's case strictly as a matter of infringement of copyright. The 'duopoly' of the *Radio Times* and *TV Times* was subsequently referred to the Office of Fair Trading, which ruled that it was anti-competitive. However the Monopolies and Mergers Commission refused in December 1984 to find the arrangement against the public interest.

The latest paper to challenge the BBC and ITV's copyright was the *Evening Standard* last year. It attempted to print Sunday listings in its Friday paper, but, predictably, was served with an injunction. Bert Hardy, the paper's chief executive, is phlegmatic about the situation, which, he says, is unlikely to alter until the copyright law changes. "What annoys me is that the broadcasters are allowed into print media, but we can't get into electronic media." He is also angry at the on-air promotion the BBC is able to give its own magazines.



The fight is on: Elliott with the two television weeklies which have a monopoly of the schedules

With the arrival last week of a new BBC publication, *Ski Sunday Magazine*, this latter issue has again reared its head. It is all part of the process of fattening up BBC Enterprises, the BBC subsidiary which owns BBC Magazines, publishers of the *Radio Times* and its stable-mates, for possible privatization. *Radio Times* is good business. In the year ending in March its 3.04 million circulation (down from 8.5 million in its pre-*TV Times* heyday in 1956) made a profit of £3.1million – all theoretically ploughed back into BBC programme making.

At *TV Times* the situation is similar. In the year to July 1986, its three million readers generated profits of £14.4 million for Independent Television Publications before it paid its shareholders.

Perhaps the mandarins at *TV Times* have seen the writing on the wall because they have recently been preparing dummy papers listing all four BBC and ITV channels. And, in a curious chink in the monopolistic armour, twice a week for the last month the Press Association has been providing daily listings (with selected comments) to its regional newspaper members. The schedules are provided five days in advance of publication on a daily basis. Doubtless the BBC and ITV have good reasons to permit the Press Association to do this, but not *Time Out* or a weekly free sheet in the provinces. Whatever their arguments, they are unlikely to give up their privileged position easily.

Snap decisions for the paper people

● Advances in photo-technology are going to bring about a revolution in the production of pictures in newspapers

The filmless camera and electronic picture desk are on the way. They will bring quicker and better coverage, according to William D. Rinehart, vice-president of the American Newspaper Publishers Association, who addressed Newstec 87, the newspaper technology conference in Brighton last week.

In Britain Canon has announced the introduction of its new still video camera, the RC 701. This enables a newspaper photographer to cover an event (a football match, for example), record up to 50 images on a floppy disc, look at them on a video monitor, and transmit suitable ones back to his picture desk for publication. The camera costs a manageable £1,700; the full system, with playback unit, printer and transceiver, a rather more steep £38,000. Other manufacturers include both Kodak and Nikon.

Integrating this technology with electronic systems used by newspapers has proved a headache. But Crosfield, part of the De la Rue group, manufactures Newsline (formerly Electronic Picture Desk). Costing £65-70,000, this allows newspapers to receive wire photos from agencies, and store them electronically on disc. A picture editor can then look at them individually or in groups, enhance, size or crop the image, before feeding them directly to an Autokon screening camera. This system has recently been acquired by *Today* and agencies like Reuters are believed to be developing their own variations.

According to Rinehart, there are variations and embellishments on these basic pieces of equipment, like the camera which records television images; the technology may also be applicable not only to newspapers, but also to magazines, desk-top publishing and even the police and military.

Harry Catchpole

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BYLINES

The long goodbye

Staff at Capital Radio are convinced that the station's programme director for the past six years, Jo Sandilands, will not return to the station when her maternity leave ends early in the New Year, and that only negotiation of the golden handshake is preventing an announcement.

Capital's share of radio listening in London has declined steadily from 25 per cent shortly before she took over in 1981 to 14 per cent last year – though, as Capital's recent announcement of record profits for last year shows, the falling ratings have not hurt advertising revenue.

Earlier this year Capital appointed a new head of music, Scotsman Richard Park, and gave him a free hand to revamp the schedules completely while Sandilands, a former editor of *Woman* and women's editor of *The Observer*, was having her baby.

"The plan has always been to go back to Capital after Christmas," said Sandilands this week, but refused to be drawn on whether the plan had now changed or whether she was discussing severance terms with the station, where husband David Briggs still works as an executive talks producer.

No takers

Express Newspapers is having difficulty finding a buyer for an embarassing investment: its 24.8 per cent stake in David Sullivan's company Apollo, publisher of *Sunday Sport*. Nobody wants the shares, a legacy of the stormy eight-week liaison between Sullivan and the *Star*. "We don't have to sell," says Express Newspapers managing director Andrew Cameron.

Mind that pud

A seasonal story. A producer at London Weekend Television arranged an overnight trip to France to make a programme about what the French think of the British Christmas pudding. The technicians' union threatened to bring LWT to a halt when it discovered the team was proposing to take a prop (ie, one pud) without a props man. The minder duly went.

That's standard

Senior newspaper journalists are becoming as accident-prone as football managers. Latest casualty is Michael Church, assistant editor of the *Evening Standard*, who left the paper last Friday a mere 10 weeks after being head-hunted from the *Times Educational Supplement*. "The editor and I weren't on the same wavelength," says Church. He was hired at a time when the *Standard* was worried by the quality of the features in the *London Daily News*. By the time he arrived the *News* had folded . . . and the *Standard* was much less interested in up-market features.

Barren Field

Pity Julie Spencer, the new editor of *The Field*, when the writers who create its character are leaving in droves. Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd announced 10 days ago that his 607th contribution would also be his last and Lord Deedes, Lord Grimond, Geoffrey Wheatcroft, the paper's venerated racing correspondent, and saleroom correspondent Huon Mallalieu are also reported to be considering their future.

Briefing

Jocelyn Stevens, controversial rector of the Royal College of Art and once managing director of Express Newspapers, is to join the board of ad agency Lowe Howard-Spink & Bell as a non-executive director . . . **Robert Maxwell is dipping a toe in the notoriously tricky waters of part-work publishing: *The History of the 20th Century* is being test-marketed by his British Printing and Magazine Corporation in the Tyne Tees area** . . . Unease at Thames TV as ratings organization BARB plans an "establishment survey" to determine whether it is losing out to Television South . . . **Iris Burton of *Prima* and *Best* was named Editor of the Year on Monday night by her peers at the Society of Magazine Editors awards** . . .

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A lifestyle for the over-50s

The building of "villages" for retired people is the latest development in the expanding retirement homes market, whose emphasis is now to cater for both older and younger retired people.

The village concept has developed quickly; several have been completed or are under construction, with more than one developer claiming to be the first.

One of the first of its kind is Markfield Court at Markfield, Leicestershire, which recently opened a leisure club providing facilities, including a library, bar, theatre, indoor bowls, gymnasium and shop. Built by Pinewood Homes, it has 99 units, of which 72 are sold or reserved, with the remaining ranging in price from £35,750 to £56,950. Designed for the over-55s, it has a daily transport service, medical facilities from the on-site nursing and residential home, and a 24-hour warden service. (Details: Spencer New Homes, 0533 538711).

Wates, which built what it claims to be Britain's first retirement village near Guildford, Surrey, three years ago, is today opening its second village at Oaklands Park, Redhill. There are 68 two-bedroom bungalows and cottages designed round a courtyard theme, as are so many retirement home developments, and, in conjunction with the charity Nuffield Health Care, an on-site care centre. It will has a 35-bed non-acute care unit, 24-hour emergency cover, community lounge and restaurant, and a regular bus service into Redhill.

It will be a completely private development using video-controlled entry, with the accent on both security and independence. The prices range from £80,000 for a bungalow and from £90,000 for a cottage. (Details: 0737 767199).

A third example is at Witney, Oxfordshire, where McCarthy & Stone, the leading builder of retirement homes, has gained planning permission for its first "lifestyle" village, St Mary's Mead. The £6 million development — "the first of its kind," they claim — will include cottages and apartments in a village setting aimed at the 55-plus age group. The "lifestyle" description denotes the firm's move into this younger retirement market.

St Mary's Mead will comprise 56 two- and three- bedroom cottages and 10 two-bedroom apartments grouped round landscaped pedestrian areas with a village green and ornamental lake. The focal point will be the Mill House, a centre providing a clubroom and health and fitness suite. It is a new venture for McCarthy & Stone, which has previously concentrated on more sheltered developments. John McCarthy, the chairman, says it is the first of a number to cater for the younger active and independent group. (Details: Marshall Communications, 01-248 4254).

The size of the retirement homes market is indicated by the Retirement '87 Exhibition being held at the Barbican Exhibition Halls, London, from tomorrow until Sunday. The exhibition, sponsored by the charity Age Concern, is the first such comprehensive show, reflecting the charity's belief that there is a real need to publicise the options open for people approaching retirement.

In addition to 160 exhibitors, there will be seminars covering many aspects of retirement at home and abroad, including hints on cooking, gardening, sport and exercise, and even starting a business, which would seem to begin the life cycle all over again.

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ON THE MARKET

■ The architect Henry Holland, responsible for the Marine Pavilion, precursor to the Brighton Pavilion, negotiated a lease in 1771 for 89 acres from Lord Cadogan to create one of the many "new towns" springing up in Georgian London. He called it Hans Town after Sir Hans Sloane, and while the name was later dropped, Holland's work remains. No 34 Hans Place in Knightsbridge, was built in 1793 when Henry Holland laid out the square which also included his own house on the south side. It is now one of the three remaining Holland houses there, most replaced by Victorian builders, and the agents Winkworth claim it is the only one to remain internally relatively unaltered. There is panelling in some of the rooms, including the imposing entrance hall, and there are three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and six further bedrooms. The house has a staff flat, and the agents' Knightsbridge office says the house would benefit from modernization. The asking price is £850,000 for a 41-year lease.

■ Hopmans Farm at Lytchett Matravers, Poole, Dorset, is a Grade II listed farmhouse with views towards the Purbeck Hills and an adjoining building plot with planning permission for a two bedroom bungalow. The house, with four bedrooms and two reception rooms, needs extensive renovation, but has great potential, and Jackson and Jackson of Lymington and Fulljames & Sill of Broadstone are seeking offers around £125,000. The Studio, Hickling Broad, Norfolk, some 15 miles from Norwich, overlooks the reed beds at Hickling, overlooking the Broad, and was for many years the studio used by the local bird artist Roland Green, who died in 1972. The Broad and its surrounding was designated in 1958 as a national nature reserve and covers about 1,360 acres, including 370 acres of open water, and is a favourite haunt of wildlife. The Studio, timber built under a Norfolk reed thatched roof, has three reception rooms, one bedroom, and a lean-to studio, and needs refurbishment. It has a garage and a boathouse with access on to the Broad. Francis Hornor & Son of Norwich are asking for offers over £70,000.

■ Normal Hall at Ickleton, Essex, is a substantial Grade II-listed village house in the centre of the village, five miles from Saffron Walden, which dates back to the 15th century and has later additions. The house has a panelled entrance hall, three reception rooms and seven bedrooms, and is set in a garden of half an acre. Savills' Cambridge office is seeking offers around £185,000.

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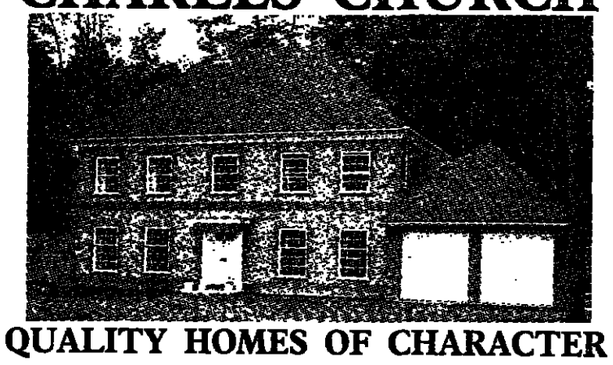
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RUGBY UNION

Regional selections have bearing on Gloucester match

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The selection of seven Gloucester players — four of them as replacements — for the South West against the Midlands in the Toshiba divisional championship on Saturday leaves in abeyance the status of the club game that day between Leicester and Gloucester.

Leicester, the League leaders, lose six players to the divisional championship as well as having Dodge, their captain, absent through injury but are prepared to go ahead with the game as a first division fixture. Last season, when the game was a meritable match, they "demerited" it because they were without nine players while Gloucester had only one divisional absentee.

Gloucester had not expected to have so many players called upon as replacements (given the importance of their League match on the same day) and their decision will be known today. In the meantime, Leicester have asked Hare to captain their side on Saturday and are able to restore Burnhill to the centre.

The South West selectors have asked Harding to lead their side from scrum half and have picked Laity, the South Glamorgan Institute and Neath player, to partner Halliday in the centre. Last season Hill, of Bath, was their scrum half and captain but events have crowded in on him over the last year and he finds no place in the squad. Injuries have conspired to affect his form which is greatly dependent upon the amount of hard work he can undertake in training — for a man with a new job and young family, time is not easy to find.

Dun, the Bristol flanker capped once in 1984, deservedly finds a place in the absence through injury of Hall (Bath) but I imagine it was a close decision at hooker where Dawe has held off the challenge of Gloucester's Dunn.

The division have pondered the possibilities of Laity before but have preferred the wayward talents of Knibbs (Bristol), at centre. Previously they have had Palmer available to them, too, but he has limited his rugby for Bath this season so Laity, who comes from Helston in Cornwall, and has played for Redruth, gets his chance alongside Halliday, whose form this season — his try was the turning point in Bath's 16-9 win over Gloucester on Monday night — suggests he heads the field for an England midfield place.

London have had to make further amendments to their XV for the game at Otley this weekend: in addition to losing Oti (wing) and Simmons (hooker), they are now without Davies at stand-off half. He has not recovered from a knee injury and Colyer (Blackheath) takes his place. Hunter and Olver (both Harlequins) take the other two places but there is better news of Probyn, the Wasps' tighthead prop, whose knee injury has improved.

SOUTH-WEST DIVISION: J Webb (Bristol); D Trick (Bath), S Halliday (Bath), C Laity (South Glamorgan Institute), A Swift (Bath); M Hamlin (Gloucester), R Harding (Bristol, capt); G Chilcott (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), R Pascall (Gloucester), A Dun (Bristol), N Redman (Bath), J Brain (Gloucester), A Robinson (Bath), D Egerton (Bath). Replacements: A Buzza (Loughborough University), M Hannaford (Gloucester), M Preedy (Gloucester), K Dunn (Gloucester), J Morrison (Bath), I Smith (Gloucester).

Lenihan could be left out in cold

By George Ace

Ciaran Fitzgerald's inclusion in the 41-strong panel for a squad training session in Dublin on Sunday has fanned speculation that Donal Lenihan's captaincy is under threat.

Fitzgerald made a late start to the season and has played for Connacht against both Ulster and Munster in the past few weeks, and played well. But there is no way Ireland can play Fitzgerald in front of the three other hookers in the panel, Kingston, McDonald, and Smith, on hooking ability and all-round forward play alone.

What would, however, sway such a decision would be the qualities of leadership Fitzgerald possesses.

Fitzgerald, in an international career that brought him 25 caps, owed his selection as much, if not more, to his inspired captaincy. But, if he wins selection, the captaincy will almost certainly go with it and Lenihan will be left out in the cold.

Unlike Fitzgerald, the present Ireland captain is not dependent on his prowess as a captain to keep him in the international team. But to play Fitzgerald as just another forward under the leadership of Lenihan is too ludicrous for words; to relieve Lenihan of the captaincy and give it to Fitzgerald will be a decision not easily arrived at.

Meanwhile, McCartney, the former Irish Schools and under-20 player, is at No. 8 for Ballymena in their game against Melrose on Saturday.

Maynard to the fore

Schools rugby
by Michael Stevenson

QEGS Wakefield 10
Welbeck College..... 0

Queen Elizabeth GS won a dour, hard-fought contest by a goal and a try to nil, chiefly because of a maturely impressive performance from their talented centre, Maynard.

Welbeck College, with their Yorkshire 16 group players unavailable, were prone to error.

Queen Elizabeth went ahead when Maynard kicked high, Allott caught on the full, wriggled out of the ruck and, nonchalantly assuming the role of scrum half, initiated left-to-right passing that ended with a try by Cooper, up in the line from full back.

Early in the second half a searing break by Gillespie, of Welbeck, should have brought a try, but the movement's final pass from Neate to Williams was forward, and it was Queen Elizabeth who scored.

A lovely passing movement swung the ball right to left, where Cooper's pass bounced off a Welbeck player, but a quick switch gave Maynard his chance to dummy his man and accelerate clear to score.

SCORERS: QEGS: Tries: Cooper, Maynard. Conversion: Cooper.
QEGS: C Cooper; A Butterfield, M Allott, P Maynard, R Owen-Smith; A Du Feu, P Williams, R Vickers, A Newton, J Glave, G Cokill, M Sowerby, M Golby, M Longworth, J Whitmore.
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Referee: Rev R Newall (Yorkshire Society).

Taking off pressure on players

By David Hands

Whatever the outcome in the London division of the Toshiba county championship, the semi-finals will be contested by a different quartet from last season. On March 12, Warwickshire are at home to Surrey or Hertfordshire and Lancashire entertain Gloucestershire.

The semi-final draw was made at Twickenham yesterday by Alan Grimsdell, the immediate past-president of the

Grimsdell has been keen to see the country's leading players perform once a week only, rather than pressure being placed on them to play midweek games too. Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, also confirmed that there is no restriction — "at the moment" — on players' right to choose when and where they play, though it is believed that thought may yet be given to restricting the county championship to players who are not in their club's first-team squads.

Lancashire, whose last county title was in 1982 when Bill Beaumont played his last game, will play Gloucestershire at Vale of Lune. Both counties played in the 1986 semi-finals when Warwickshire went on to take the title from Kent.

Warwickshire have yet to decide where their semi-final will be held. The usual venue is Coundon Road but Coventry have a home game with Leicester that day; indeed some horse-trading may have to take place since Warwickshire have reached this stage of the competition helped by a dozen Coventry players.

DRAW: Lancashire v Gloucestershire; Warwickshire v Surrey or Hertfordshire. *Matches to be played on March 12.*

All-weather racing still a long way from reality

Jockey Club forced to think again

By George Rae

All-weather racing, for long one of the sport's favourite talking points as winter approaches, still has some awkward hurdles to negotiate before it becomes a reality in Britain.

The series of tests conducted at Newmarket yesterday into the suitability of the two contending surfaces — Equitrack and Fibresand — for use as an all-weather track created plenty of interest but ultimately produced few firm conclusions.

A decision on which surface is to be adopted will be made by the stewards of the Jockey Club on Monday but as General Sir Cecil Blacker, chairman of the all-weather track working party, significantly added: "The decision that more time is required to study the possible surfaces is also an option."



Three horses put through their paces on the Equitrack gallop at Newmarket yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Minimizing effects of bad weather

The working party was set up in autumn 1985 with a brief to inquire into the feasibility and costs of an all-weather track in Britain, noting that the main objective of an all-weather track is to minimize the effects of bad weather on racing and betting.

In each of the past three years an average of 80 days have been lost with owners losing out on upwards of £1 million prize money, trainers around £100,000 and jockeys some £400,000. There is also a substantial loss to the betting levy - £2 million last year — during a period of abandonments.

The Jockey Club initially received submissions from seven parties interested in constructing an all-weather track but the field has now been reduced to three, the existing racecourses Kempton Park, Lingfield Park and Doncaster.

The Jockey Club is likely to sanction two tracks, one in the north and one in the south with, according to current thinking, fixtures most heavily concentrated during the 10-week period from New Year until just before the Cheltenham Festival in mid-March when there would be one all-weather fixture per day.

These would run parallel to the existing grass course fixtures, complementing rather than replacing them.

The crucial problem, however, remains in selecting the best available surface. Although there is an existing successful sand track at Dortmund in West Germany — where climatic conditions are similar to Britain — that caters for Flat racing but the surfaces the Jockey Club are considering must stand up to the greater rigors of National Hunt racing.

Although a healthy turnout of National Hunt trainers viewed yesterday's proceedings with interest, no one voiced the opinion of either surface that here was the whole solution to the problem.

Richard Mackaness, speaking on behalf of the National Trainers' Federation, caught the general mood. "In principle, the trainers support all-weather racing," he said. "But I feel we are being far too hasty if a definite decision is made on Monday. We need more tests."

But individual trainers were more openly critical of the surfaces, particularly the Equitrack which had only about two inches of harrowed surface on top of a hard compacted layer.

"The Equitrack was very firm," Nickie Henderson said. "In fact, we might as well race up the M4, there's hardly any difference. All-weather gallops are necessary for training but I'm sceptical about racing on them."

Those sentiments were echoed by the former champion jump jockey turned trainer Jonjo O'Neill. "I have real reservations about both surfaces," he said. "They may be alright for Flat racing but jump racing is totally different."

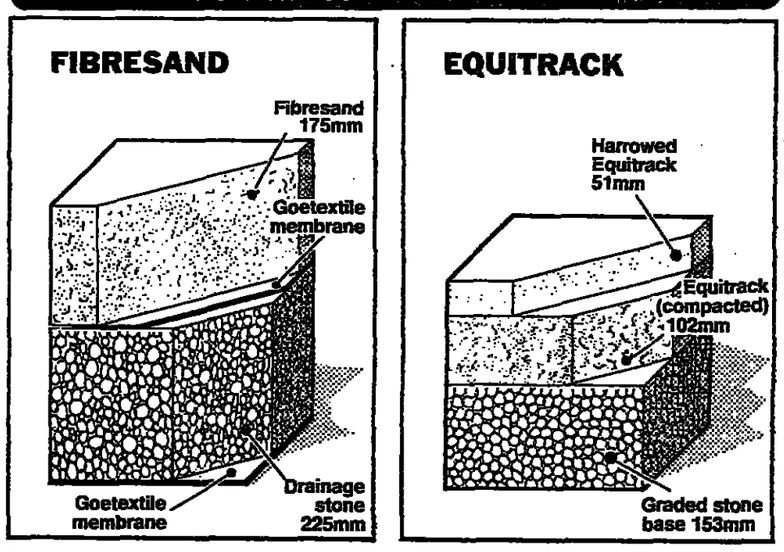
Arthur Reed, a Canadian-based consultant engaged to advise the Jockey Club, felt that the Equitrack could be improved with the addition of a secondary layer of Equitrack between the two existing sections, but those present will form their judgements on what they saw yesterday.

"In terms of cost," Reed said, "an 1,800-metre round, 23-metre wide track would be about £800,000 to lay in Fibresand and around £1 million in Equitrack. Those figures are exclusive of maintenance."

The main drawback with Fibresand is that several trainers regarded it as a "dead" surface which would make it very tiring for horses running two miles and beyond.

The jockeys who rode in the gallops — two over hurdles on Equitrack and one over fences on Fibresand — came down almost unanimously on the side of Fibresand.

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Beneath is a graded stone base, with the size of stone decreasing as it nears the Equitrack layer. There is no dividing membrane, the point of contact is a screen of five stones.

The water drains through the Equitrack, then the stones and into the ground, although if ground drainage is poor further pipes may be required.

Jockeys vote for Fibresand

Graham Bradley, who rode only on Equitrack, said: "The faster we went the firmer it seemed to get and the jockeys behind said the kick-back was bad, really painful on their faces. The Fibresand was better although I didn't ride on it."

Kick-back is the loose surface thrown behind by galloping horses.

Bradley's views were confirmed by Dermot Browne who had experience of both surfaces. "Fibresand had a good cushioning feel to it but there was some jar in the Equitrack. I think the Fibresand is quite safe for hurdle racing and I would definitely be happy to ride on it."

If a final decision is taken on Monday the interested courses will be notified. They will then produce costings for submission to the Levy Board who will consider their viability and decide what Levy Board assistance is required.

Should no decision be made, and more tests be required, the schedule for implementing all-weather racing will need to be extended, making the winter of 1990 a more realistic target date.

Court of Appeal — Law Report December 2 1987 — Court of Appeal

When employee is in course of work when travelling home

Smith v Stages and Another

Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment December 1]

Where an employee travelled home from a place of work other than his normal base in his employers' time and in his own car, notwithstanding that alternative transport was available, then he was acting in the course of his employment if the employers knew of and authorize the journey and, being entitled to direct that he should not travel on a particular day, failed to do so.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Mary Smith, the widow and administratrix of the estate of Ronald George Machin, from a decision of Judge Wilson Mellor, QC, sitting as a High Court judge at Birmingham on November 10, 1986, whereby he had dismissed her claim against the second defendants, Darlington Insulation Co Ltd, the deceased's employers, for damages for personal injuries suffered by the deceased on August 29, 1977, when he was a passenger in a car driven by the first defendant, George Stages, a fellow employee.

Mr David Stembridge for the plaintiff; Mr Brian Appleby, QC and Mr Peter Bowers for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the deceased and the first defendant were employed at Drakelow Power Station, Burton-on-Trent, and in 1977 they were asked by the second defendants, their employers, to go to Pembroke to carry out a week's work.

They had travelled there on August 22 in working time, for which they were paid a day's wages. They had also been paid the equivalent of the rail fare, which the employers had been content to treat as a mileage allowance.

Both men had worked long hours on Saturday, August 27. On Sunday they had worked from 8.30am to 6.30pm with a one-hour break and from 9pm to 8.30am on the following morning with a one-and-a-half hour break. They had therefore worked for 19 hours with no sleep.

The employers, partly because their employees needed sleep and partly because of an agreement with the trade union, arranged for them to be paid eight hours' wages for sleeping time and a further eight hours' wages for travelling. They were actually required to report to Drakelow at 8am on Wednesday.

In fact, they had hardly clocked off on Monday when they started back. The car was involved in an accident at Llandeilo. The deceased suffered severe brain damage.

The judge had found that the accident was probably caused by the first defendant's fatigue. He had found that the first defendant had not been driving in the course of his employment.

Where an employee was driving solely between home and his normal place of work it might well not be in the course of his employment unless he was obliged so to travel.

When he was travelling between two places of work, particularly where the second place was not occupied by his employers, generally the journey would be in the course of his employment. If he made such a journey in his employers' time, but for convenience started from home or returned there in the evening rather than visiting his home base, such a journey might well be in the course of his employment.

Finally, if, although there was other transport available, for convenience he travelled in his own car and the employers knew and authorized it, it might well be in the course of his employment.

For the employers it had been argued that all the cases involved only activities lasting a day. Factually that might be correct. It was argued that the same principles did not apply where the premises to which the employee was travelling were so far away that he could not get there and back in a day. His Lordship failed to see the logic of that.

It was also argued that on the Monday, when the employees were being paid to rest, they were not acting in the course of their employment, and if they chose to travel they were not in the course of their employment.

The difficulty facing that argument was the finding of the judge that the travelling day was paid for as a working day, and the employers were entitled to direct how the employees should act during the course of that day.

If it was right that the employers were entitled to direct that they should not drive on the Monday and they had not done so, whenever they had made the journey, the first defendant would have been acting in the course of his employment.

The conclusion which the judge had eventually come to had been wrong. The journey, on the particular facts of the case, had been in the course of the first defendant's employment. The appeal should be allowed.

The Master of the Rolls and Sir Denys Buckley agreed.

Solicitors: F. A. Greenwood & Co, Birmingham; Jacksons Monk & Rowe, Middlesbrough.

More floaters to be listed

Listing Statement

More cases are to be listed as floaters in the High Court, Mr Justice Michael Davies said in the Queen's Bench Division on December 1.

HIS LORDSHIP said that far from improving the situation had deteriorated since he became judge in charge of the lists three weeks ago. The total of outstanding cases set down but not disposed of had gone up. At the same time, some judges sitting on the non-jury list had complained to him that they were not working a full day or a full week. Spot checks on two days last week had confirmed that.

Floating cases were only too often ineffective — by which his Lordship meant already settled before being listed without notification to the clerk of the lists or because there was some really good reason (and the reason had to be really good) why they could not be heard. So for the time being at least, it would be necessary to list more floating cases each day — a minimum of six.

That might mean that from time to time a case would be listed but not reached on the day on which it first appeared. It would remain on the list for the following day. Ideally that situation should not occur but the need to employ available judges in order to dispose of cases more efficiently was now so urgent that it could not altogether be avoided.

His Lordship regretted any inconvenience, which the clerk of the lists and his staff would keep to a minimum, but the interests of the general body of litigants whose cases were awaiting trial had to be considered.

It would of course always be open to any party dissatisfied with a listing decision to make application to the judge in charge of the lists.

The disposal rate would be kept under review for the rest of the present term. Other measures to speed it up were already in active preparation for next term.

Appalling delay

Slater v Maidstone Health Authority

Where an application was made in the High Court by one party to an action to stand the case out of the date fixed for trial, the lay parties to the particular case should attend court when the application was made so that the reason for the need to defer the case could be explained to them by the court and not, subsequently, by their legal representatives.

Mr Justice Michael Davies so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on December 1 when he granted the application by counsel for the plaintiff mother, suing on behalf of a minor, to stand the case out. The case alleged that medical negligence had occurred in 1980 when the minor was born, and the case had been fixed in June 1986 for trial to begin from December 7, 1987.

MR JUSTICE MICHAEL DAVIES said that if the case were tried now that would have been bad enough in all conscience because of the delay. The case was now said to be not ready; if the defendants had opposed the application his Lordship would have refused the application.

Furthermore, lay persons and the parties in the case would tend to blame the courts and not the solicitors. Also, the doctors against whom the negligence was alleged had had the case hanging over them for seven years. It was an appalling situation.

It should be made clear to the mother and the doctors that the only reason for the delay was the failure of those preparing the case to get it ready when it had been fixed for trial over 18 months ago.

Set-off defence not available to bank on tenuous suspicion over account

Bhogul v Punjab National Bank
Basna v Punjab National Bank

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment November 24]

A bank was not entitled to dishonour the cheque of a customer whose account was in credit on a tenuous suspicion that the account was held by the customer as nominee for a third party who was indebted to the bank. Accordingly, the doctrine of equitable set-off was not an arguable defence to an action by the customer against the bank.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing appeals by the Punjab National Bank against summary judgements under Order 14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court awarded by Mr Justice Hobhouse and Mr Justice Scott respectively in two separate actions brought against the bank by two of its customers, Mr Ajit Singh Bhogal and Mr Yacoub Yasna.

Mr Stanley Burnton, QC and Mr Rhodri Davies for the bank; Mr Mark Hapgood for Mr Bhogul; Mr Peter Leaver, QC and Mr Alastair R. MacGregor for Mr Basna.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the bank submitted that the judgments should be set aside and it should be granted leave to defend both actions because it had a valid defence by way of equitable set-off.

It was submitted that the accounts of Mr Bhogul and Mr Basna, and a number of other accounts standing in the names of a Mr Kumar, Mr K. J. Sanger, Muscat Trading Corporation and Hindustan Travel Services were mere nominee accounts for a Mr Joginder Sanger who was, it was asserted, the sole and beneficial owner of the moneys in the accounts.

It was consequently submitted that, as Mr Kumar's account was substantially overdrawn at the times when Mr Bhogul and Mr Basna separately called for payment of moneys standing to the credit of their accounts, the bank was entitled to set-off those credits against the debit in Mr Kumar's account.

The doctrine of equitable set-off had "developed from the practice of the Courts of Equity of granting an injunction to restrain a plaintiff from pursuing his claim at law against a defendant pending the resolution of some cross-claim of the defendant in equity which at law would not have provided a defence to the plaintiff's claim.

But as Lord Wilberforce pointed out in *Aries Tanker Corporation v Total Transport Ltd* ([1977] 1 WLR 185, 191): "One thing is certainly clear about the doctrine of equitable set-off . . . namely that for it to apply, there must be some equity, some ground for equitable intervention, other than the mere existence of a cross-claim . . ."

The bank's claims for equitable set-off were sought to be founded on the decision in *Ex parte Morier* ((1879) 12 ChD 491, 496) where Lord Justice James said: "The only exception which equity has introduced into the principle of a legal set-off is when the money is really and truly the property of one man in the name of another, not when the result of taking the accounts would be to show that the ultimate balance would be his property."

The bank sought to extend the law as stated by Lord Justice James so as to cover the present case. But it was to be noted that the law laid down in *Ex parte Morier* was crystallized in a short statement of Lord Justice Brett (at p502): "The account standing in the names of the brother and sister, the case could not have been brought within the rules of equitable set-off or mutual credit, unless the brother was so much the person beneficially interested that a Court of Equity, without any terms or any further inquiry, would have obliged the sister to transfer the account into her brother's name alone."

It was one thing when the fact that a customer held his accounts as nominee or bare trustee for a third party was clear and and indisputable. It was quite another where the alleged nomineeship was very far from plainly made out and was strongly disputed.

It would be wholly contrary to the rules of banking law, above indicated, if a bank could without warning dishonour a customer's cheque when there were funds to cover it in the account, on a tenuous, if just arguable, suspicion that the account was held by the customer as nominee for a third party who was indebted to the bank, and if the bank could then freeze the customer's account until it had been ascertained after full inquiry after a lengthy trial a year or more later whether the customer was indeed such a nominee.

His Lordship could see no equity in the bank in such a case to override the clear rules of law on which bankers and customers habitually dealt with each other. In his Lordship's judgment the bank had failed to show an arguable defence on the law in either action.

Lord Justice Bingham delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Clifford Chance; Lovell, White & King; Stilgoes.

Correction

In the case listed as *R v Evans* (*The Times* December 1) the appellant's name was Bevans.

RACING: CROUCHER POISED FOR ANOTHER SUCCESS ON MURRAY-SMITH'S RECENT TOWCESTER WINNER

Aquilifer to complete speedy chasing double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

During the summer when *there is evening* racing we are accustomed to jockeys riding at two meetings in one day.

But we do not often hear of them riding at different meetings in the winter, let alone riding winners on both courses. Yet Paul Croucher achieved that feat on Saturday.

While many were pre-occupied with the Gerry Feilden hurdle and the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury, Croucher was *driving North* to Towcester especially to partner Aquilifer for David *Murray-Smith in the* Willis Dawson Handicap Chase.

Croucher had already won the first race on the Berkshire track for Kim Bailey on Biloxi Blues.

It is nice to be able to report that his effort was not wasted. Aquilifer ran out a 10 lengths winner from the warm favourite, Team Challenge.

As the latter had very nearly won his previous race, that was clearly the performance of an improving young chaser.

Today, Croucher will be on **Aquilifer** again when he makes a quick *return to the* fray to contest the Praill Motor Group Handicap Chase at *Hereford.*

Improving he will certainly have to be to capture today's *event because* even with his penalty he is still carrying 8lb more than he would if the handicap were extended to reveal his old rating.

However, Aquilifer is in such good form at present that I believe the chance is worth taking. He is preferred to the course and distance winner Claude Monet and Strath Leader, who has not run since he won the Whitbread Trophy over the big fences at Liverpool last April.

No matter how Spider's Well fares in the same race, David Barons and Paul Nicholls, the combination responsible for Playschool's memorable triumph on Saturday, can still pick up the Bridge Sollars Novices' Chase with **Mariner's Whistle** who has been flying much higher this season in races won by those good young jumpers Barnbrook Again and Bonanza Boy.

Today's nap though is **Flying Finch** to win the second division of the Damsells Novices Hurdle in the capable hands of Kevin Mooney.

Trained by Fulke Walwyn at Lambourn, this four-year-old filly caught my eye at Newbury first time out when she finished fourth behind Steeple View.

The earlier division can go to **Out Of Range**, who was successful in a similar race at *Taunton 13* days ago after showing much promise in a bumper at Sandown Park.



Croucher: Saturday double at different meetings

Being by Grundy, out of a mare by another Derby winner Sir Ivor, **Sirundy** was not exactly bred with the Bishops Frome Novices' Handicap Hurdle in mind.

However this looks like being his reward after that good run behind Cone Alone at Worcester a fortnight ago.

At Hexham, I give **Wise Cracker** a good chance of recording his third win in a row in the Federation Brewery Handicap Chase following improved performances at Ayr and Market Rasen.

French star earmarked for Festival

French star Marly River, unbeaten in eight races over hurdles, the most recent at Auteuil at the weekend, will challenge for the Champion Hurdle.

His next outing will be over three miles, at Auteuil on Sunday week but, when he returns from a mid-winter rest, it will probably be in a preparatory race in England.

The four-year-old, who has earned close on £200,000, would have a perfect record over jumps were it not for a fall when a long way clear in a novice chase early last month.

He is trained by Yann Porzier and has been ridden in all his races by Jean-Yves Artu.

Christian Hamel, his enthusiastic owner, has already been in contact with the Cheltenham management, who are naturally keen to follow up the success of the American star Flatterer's visit for this year's Champion.

● There were 16 horses declared at the four-day stage for Saturday's Mecca Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle at Sandown. The sponsors bet: 9-4 Celtic Shot, 8 Nos Na Gaoithe, 10 Ballydurrow, 10 Gholar, 12 Beat The Retreat, 12 Chryssor, 12 Sprowston Boy, 14 bar.

Fluent Quickstep helps Pipe pass another milestone

Martin Pipe, the Wellington trainer, passed another career milestone when he saddled a double with Quickstep and Torside at Newton Abbot yesterday. I think that is the first time I've had a double over fences, I'm nearly sure of it," Pipe said.

Pipe's considerable reputation, endorsed by his century last season, has been built on tremendous success with hurdlers and very few runners over fences. But this season he has had six steeplechase winners, include two notable successes with Beau Ranger, and he claims a better strike rate with his chasers than with his *hurdlers.*

Quickstep, four times a winner over hurdles, had obviously *been very* well prepared for his debut over fences in the Truro Novices' Chase and never put a foot wrong. He cruised past Fred Winter's front-running Bright Intervals with one to jump and scored on a tight rein by six *lengths.*

"That was a terrific introduction, he jumped super. He's always jumped well although a bit careful. He's done a lot of schooling. I give them all plenty," said Pipe, who admitted *that he never thought that* this horse would be a steeplechase winner when he bought him as a three-year-old at Newmarket.

Peter Scudamore, who rode Quickstep, does a lot of the schooling for Pipe and he had also schooled *Torside but the* ride on this one in the South West Racing Club Handicap Chase went to Mark Perrett. Pipe explained: "Mark had won on Torside last season, so he kept the ride."

Torside led over the last three fences, to score by 10 lengths. The eight-year-old has the Coral *Welsh National at Chepstow* as his target. Pipe said: "He stays, jumps and has a nice light weight at Chepstow. I was very pleased with him today."

Brendan Powell landed a 26½-1 double on Wonder Bee and Gallois Bosquet, both horses winning comfortably with the jockey looking round.

Very Promising has Irish date

Very Promising reinforced his claim as one of Britain's top chasers with a win at Huntingdon yesterday, earning him a tilt at the Black and White Whisky *Champion Chase at* Leopardstown on December 29.

Trainer David Nicholson's star is now back on course for his main target, the Cheltenham Festival's Queen Mother Champion Chase, after a most dis*appointing run in the* Mackeson Gold Cup.

Yesterday, he beat Townley Stone and Kathies Lad by eight lengths and one length and Nicholson enthused: "This was the ideal confidence booster, *just what the doctor ordered.*"

Cole collects award as leading overseas trainer

Paul Cole has won the International Racing Bureau's Derby Award for the leading overseas trainer of 1987.

His winning total of £614,625 was achieved with the aid of 10 foreign victories — five in Italy, two each in France and Ireland, and one in the United States.

Zaizoom (Derby Italiano), Ibn Bey (Gran Premio d'Italia), Bint Pasha (Prix Vermeille and Pretty Polly Stakes), Insan (Panasonic Beresford Stakes) and Tertiary Zone (Lawrence Realization Stakes) were the *chief contributors.*

John Dunlop, who would have overtaken Cole at the last gasp if Moon Madness had managed fourth or better in the Japan Cup, took runner-up spot with earnings of £603,406.

Barry Hills (£484,646), Lester Piggott (£387,817), Henry Cecil (£310,158) and Michael Stoute (£288,779) all enjoyed great success overseas in a year when 55 trainers featured on the earnings list with 14 topping the £100,000 mark.

Total prizemoney gained abroad was £4,674,241, fractionally short of the 1986 record tally of £4,728,214, with 85 races won.

Forli mare produces some spirited bidding

Bloodstock Sales by Simon O'Loughlin

Index To Forli, a six-year-old mare in foal to Caerleon, brought a rather laboured Newmarket December Sales suddenly to life yesterday when sold for 350,000 guineas to Hamdan Al-Maktoum's Irish stud manager, Hubie de Burgh.

The mare, who is a half-sister to *Alydar's Best, was the first of* a strong batch from Swettenham Stud, and a packed sale-ring hushed in anticipation of drama.

David Nagle, of Barronstown Stud, took the bidding through the 200,000 guineas mark before the contest dissolved into a duel between de Burgh and agent *Brian Grassick, standing* alongside Irish breeder Sean Collins.

Afterwards, de Burgh said: "She is by Forli, that marvellous broodmare sire, and it was a rare opportunity to buy a mare providing an outcross for a Northern Dancer stallion. She will probably go to Green Desert in 1988."

Another of the Swettenham draft, Arkadina, set a European broodmare record when sold for IR900,000 guineas in 1981 and when re-offered yesterday she made 185,000 guineas to the bid of Michael Ryan. Although Arkadina was in foal to Lomond, she is now 18 and this explains her drop in value.

There was strong international competition for the eight-year-old Graustark mare. Wild Abandon, but Gerald Leigh, of Eydon Hall Farm in Northamptonshire, proved strongest at 135,000 guineas.

The mare had a Law Society covering, and last week foals from the second crop of the Irish *Sweeps Derby winner* were in strong demand.

Wild Abandon comes from a *strong American family.* She is out of a half-sister to Sweet Alliance, who won the Kentucky Oaks and who is the dam of Shareef Dancer

Mme Simone del Duca spent 200,000 guineas on two young mares for her Haras de Quetieville in Normandy. She went to 110,000 guineas for *Little Deep Water, who was in* foal to last year's dual Derby winner Shahrastani, and 90,000 guineas for the unraced Exclusive Native mare Alzahara.

MOTOR RALLYING

Eklund makes appeal to FISA

Per Eklund, of Sweden, and his West Country navigator, Dave Whittock, disqualified from second place in the Lombard-RAC Rally after scrutineers declared the inlet valves on their Audi Quattro illegal, are taking their appeal to FISA, the world governing body of motor sport.

Eklund and Whittock, from Radstock, Avon, had finished three minutes and 12 seconds *behind the* world champion, Juha Kankkunen, and 28sec ahead of their Swedish rival, Stig Blomqvist, who won the event in 1971 and 1983.

Chris Parsons, a spokesman for the Swedish-entered Team Clarion cars, said: "They have appealed directly to FISA with the agreement of the Swedish *RAC because Per is an overseas* driver and the car was entered from Sweden.

"Although they could have appealed to our own RAC first, they felt they had a better chance by going straight to FISA in financial terms because they hold the ultimate authority.

"FISA's appeal committee is *primarily made up of engineers* as opposed to the RAC's appeal committee, which is dominated by lawyers with a non-technical background.

"Dave is now trying to get hold of the manifold in question *to have the RAC measurements* checked independently.

"The appeal will take weeks rather than days but the final positions for the rally remain with a caveat that they are subject to appeal pending a *possible reinstatement of Per.*"

The provisional placings put Jimmy McRae, of Scotland, in third position with his Ford Sierra, with the Haverfordwest farmer, David Llewellin, also in an Audi Quattro, sixth.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Boost for amateur cup clubs

By Keith Macklin

The growing status of the amateur game gets another boost this week with the announcement of the draw for the first Challenge Cup competition of *the newly formed National* Amateur Rugby League. In addition, four amateur clubs compete this weekend in cup finals that will grant two of them the right to a place in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round.

The National League is in its second season after a successful start in 1986-87, and the new Challenge Cup competition will be sponsored by Sialom Lager. Since there are 10 clubs involved there will be a preliminary round involving four teams, followed by a first round in which eight clubs will take part.

The four sides who will appear in the preliminary round are Egremont, Woolston, Heworth and West Hull. The winners of the ties involving *these clubs will join* Milford, St Patrick's, Millom, Dudley Hill, Leigh Miners Welfare and Pilkington Recs in the first round.

Next weekend the Lancashire Amateur Cup and the Cumbria Cup will take place. In Lancashire the competing sides are Leigh Miners Welfare and *Farnworth ROB, and in Cum*bria the play-off for a place in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup will be between the holders, Kells, and Wath Brow Hornets.

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Out Of Range.
1.00 Love You Rosy.
1.30 Mariner's Whistle.
2.00 Aquilifer.
2.30 FLYING FINCH (nap).
3.00 Pearly King.
3.30 Sirundy.

By Michael Seely

1.30 SALMON RUN (nap). 3.30 Sirundy.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 SIRUNDY.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 68

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. *P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down.* S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which *horse has won* (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: soft

12.30 DAMSELLS NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (17 runners)

1	300100	C B M GIRL 20 (D,S) (T Price) T Price 6-11-0	G Davies	81
2	1	OUT OF RANGE 13 (S) (R Bastian) D Elsworth 4-11-0	C Brown	● 99
4	01	RELATIVELY EASY 22 (C,S) (A Macdonald-Buchanan) D Nicholson 4-11-0	R Dunwoody	98
5	00-	AFTER THE STORM 277 (Queensway Securities Ltd) Miss A King 4-10-9	A Webb	—
6		ALMOST AMERICA (T Williams) A Barrow 4-10-9	B Powell	—
10	0/00	CLASSEY 7 (A Kaplan) J Spearing 7-10-9	Miss G Armytage	—
11	0-	CLOVE BUD 231 (R Jenks) N Gaselee 4-10-9	P Scudamore	—
12		CORRECT GIRL (Miss S Bradbury) W Mann 5-10-9	M Williams	—
13	0	DISTANT CALL 21 (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 4-10-9	K Mooney	—
16	0	EVERGREEN MELODY 22 (R Faiers) O O'Neill 5-10-9	S J O'Neill	—
17	0-	FABULOUS MOLLY 294 (B Garrett) J Colston 5-10-9	W Hayes (7)	—
20	0	HAVRIN PRINCESS 5 (K Warner) B McMahon 4-10-9	T Wall	—
22	0003	KERSTI DUNN 13 (S) (D Williamson) I Wardle 5-10-9	K Townend	77
25	00-	MRS PEPPERPOT 201 (Mrs I Mckie) Mrs I McKie 4-10-9	M Hazell (7)	—
26		NEW CITY (N Shinton) B Pelling 4-10-9	Mr S Shinton	—
29		TOPSY BEE (Maj A Hellyer) T Forster 5-10-9	L Harvey	—
30	0303-	WHISTLING EDGE 214 (E Allsopp) J Spearing 4-10-9	H Davies	96

BETTING: 6-4 Relatively Easy, 7-4 Out Of Range, 15-2 Whistling Edge, 8-1 Topsy Bee, 10-1 Clove Bud, 12-1 Kersti Dunn, 14-1 C B M Girl, 16-1 others.

1986: RUBY FLIGHT 4-11-0 J Bryan (14-1) R Eckley 17 ran

FORM CBM GIRL, has not shown best form in novice hurdles since (10-9) beating *Vulgaris (11-0) in Worcester selling handicap (2m,* £779, soft, Oct 21, 16 ran).
OUT OF RANGE 2nd in NH Flat race at Sandown and then won (10-7) a novices hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, £556, soft, Nov 19, 12 ran) by 1½l from Wonder Bee (10-12), with KERSTI DAWN (10-7) 25l away 3rd.
RELATIVELY EASY (10-9) held on by a neck from Dudley's Star (11-0) at the last meeting here (2m 3f, £1061, heavy, Nov 10, 17 ran), CLASSEY (10-9) lost touch after a mile and finished 10th.
DISTANT CALL should improve on debut effort when (10-9) out of first nine at Newbury behind Vagador (11-0) (2m 100yd, £1568, soft, Nov 11, 16 ran).
WHISTLING EDGE finished last season with a (10-4) 23l 3rd to Majestic Buck (11-10) at Worcester (2m, £1092, firm, May 2, 18 ran).
Selection: RELATIVELY EASY

1.0 BRIDSTOW SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £668: 2m) (14 runners)

1	310200	BEDROCK 16 (CD,F) (P Davies) P Davis 11-3	—	80
2	23F-403	CHATTERSPARK 23 (B,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 11-0	B Powell	83
3	130-0	FRAME OF POWER 16 (B,D,F) (Mrs H McConville) R Simpson 11-0	B Wright	94
4	04030-2	D'OR'S GEM 15 (B Wine) P Blockley 10-10	J Osborne (4)	98
6	0F-00	MONARCH'S RULE 32 (B Stevens) B Stevens 10-10	T Morgan	—
8	PP0	SONG AN' DANCE MAN 8 (B) (G Bebbington) G Bebbington 10-10	Pat Caldwell (7)	—
9	0P-	SPEEDY 202 (R Crellin) R Crellin 10-10	A Carroll	—
11	0P-F	WOODENBRIDGE 20 (BF) (Mrs C Murray) O O'Neill 10-10	S J O'Neill	—
12	P000F-P	FERN FLOWER 12 (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 10-5	Mr J Cambidge	—
13	0/4P-P00	GOLDEN AZELIA 23 (R Brazington) R Brazington 10-5	R J Beggan	80
14	FP00-F	LOVE YOU ROSY 34 (C Hemmings) R Manning 10-5	E Waite	● 99
17	0000-0P	SMITHY'S GIRL 34 (S) (L Nystrom) N Ayliffe 10-5	M Ayliffe	—
20	P0	TOLLY'S ALE 50 (D Carey) D Carey 10-5	W Knox	—
21	0-22202	WATENDLATH 20 (T Sanders) R Frost 10-5	J Frost	93

BETTING: 2-1 D'Or's Gem, 11-4 Frame of Power, 5-1 Love You Rosy, 11-2 Watendlath, 8-1 Chatterspark, 10-1 Bedrock, 12-1 others.

1986: TRACK MARSHALL 10-10 A Gardner (4-1) D L Williams 10 ran

FORM BEDROCK, at best on firm ground early season when efforts included a (10-4) 3l beating of The Golf Side (11-7) in handicap over course and distance (£1180, Aug 29, 5 ran).
CHATTERSPARK (10-11) led to three out before finishing 13l 3rd to Polecroft (10-9) at Plumpton (2m, £735, soft, Nov 9, 11 ran).
FRAME OF POWER, in touch until past halfway in handicap on reappearance, last season (10-10) beat Brampton Lyn (10-5) ¾l in Hexham novice when trained by Jimmy Fitzgerald (2m, £548, good to firm, Sept 8, 10 ran).
D'OR'S GEM (11-3) faded run-in first time out when going down by 7l to Kept In Style (10-5) at Sedgefield (2m 4f, £664, good to soft, Nov 17, 8 ran).
WATENDLATH (10-7) reached frame again on latest start at Uttoxeter (2m, £951, soft, Nov 12, 11 ran) when 8l runner-up to Boxit (10-7). WOODENBRIDGE (10-12) was behind when falling halfway.
LOVE YOU ROSY (10-10) 12l 5th to Greed (10-7) in *novices handicap at Edinburgh on* last completed start (2m 4f, £1192, good to firm, Feb 20, 14 ran) is dropped in class here.
Selection: LOVE YOU ROSY

1.30 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,025: 2m 3f) (9 runners)

1	024FFF	THE LATE MAN 15 (J Huckle) C Tristine 6-11-10	J D Doyle	80
2	0/0100-U	TIMURS DOUBLE 32 (G,S) (Lord Leverhulme) T Forster 6-11-6	H Davies	—
4	030-304	POLAR GLEN 13 (Mrs V Phillips) R Hodges 6-10-13	B Powell	● 99
5	R/PP-22F	MARINER'S WHISTLE 22 (Lord Clinton) D Barons 6-10-12	J Hazel	92
6	00300-0	SALMON RUN 25 (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 6-10-5	R Dunwoody	—
8	0/00000-	GENERAL BRETFAX 337 (G,S) (J Gillo) Miss A King 9-10-1	A Webb	95
10	P0P-0B4	AIR BROKER 8 (Food Brokers Ltd) S Mellor 6-10-0	G Landau	—
12	000/00B	RED COLUMBIA 8 (Mrs J Webster) W Mann 6-10-0	S J O'Neill	92
13	0/6FPP-P	KILFORD 15 (A Sharp) P Ransom 7-10-0	R Beggan	—

BETTING: 6-4 Manner's Whistle, 4-1 Polar Glen, 6-1 Salmon Run, 8-1 General Breyfax, Timur's Double, 10-1 Air Broker, 12-1 others.

1986: LARRY-O 10-12 P Scudamore (6-4 fav) F Winter 11 ran

FORM POLAR GLEN faded into a 9¼l 4th to *Cats Eyes (11-7) after a blunder two* out at Taunton (2m 150yd, soft) last time; previously (10-13) showed better when 20¼l 5th to Up Cooke (10-8) at Chepstow (2m, £1778, good to soft, Nov 7, 15 ran).
MARINER'S WHISTLE (11-4) best judged on a 30l 3rd of 18 to Bonanza Boy (11-9) at Wincanton (2m 5f, £1904, good, Oct 29).
SALMON RUN makes chasing debut — should strip fitter for a 7th behind Redgrave Devil (10-2) over *hurdles at Warwick* (2m, £852, good to soft, Nov 7, 24 ran).
RED COLUMBIA brought down early last time — previously (10-12) never got in a blow when 25¼l 8th *to Harley Street Man* (10-12) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1771, good, Nov 16, 12 ran) with KILFORD (10-12) pulled up.
Selection: POLAR GLEN

2.0 PRAILL MOTOR GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,477: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

1	121201-	STRATH LEADER 244 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Fairbairn) J Edwards 9-11-10	T Morgan	● 99
2	2F71P-0	CLAUDE MONET 18 (CD,S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 9-11-3	S Smith Eccles	82
5	12002-1	SPIDER'S WELL 14 (F,G,S) (A Taylor) D Barons 11-10-6 (Sex)	P Nicholls	91
6	0P00P-0	NOTRE CHEVAL 41 (CD,S) (Mrs J Morris) J Honeyball 8-10-0	R Dunwoody	75
7	240-411	AQUILIFER 4 (S) (B Kilpatrick) D Murray-Smith 7-10-0 (Sex)	P Croucher	98
8	20142-2	CONEY GLEN 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 11-10-0	R Rowe	81
9	000-000	WORD OF WISDOM 6 (W Caldrey) G Ham 8-10-0	B Powell	—

BETTING: 7-4 Spiders Well, 9-4 Aquilifer, 4-1 Strath Leader, 8-1 Coney Glen, 10-1 Claude Monet, 33-1 Notre Cheval, Word of Wisdom.

1986: MAYANNCOR 8-11-2 C Crank (3-1) D L Williams 5 ran

FORM STRATH LEADER (11-10) ended last season with a 6l defeat of Fortina's Express (10-0) at Liverpool (2m 6f, £9545, soft, Apr 2, 15 ran).
CLAUDE MONET (10-13) last successful when beating Medway Gauntlet (10-0) 12l here (3m, £2278, soft, Feb 12, 12 ran).
SPIDERS WELL (10-11) made a winning reappearance when beating CONEY GLEN (10-3) 8l at Worcester (3m, £1817, soft, Nov 18, 8 ran). Both will have benefitted from the outing.
NOTRE CHEVAL (10-12) never got in a blow when *22¾l 6th to Tophatter (10-0) at Taunton (3m, £2599,* good, Oct 22, 16 ran).
AQUILIFER is on the upgrade and makes a quick reappearance after (11-0) beating Team Challenge (10-11) 10l at Towcester (3m, £2324, soft, Nov 28, 10 ran).
Selection: SPIDERS WELL

2.30 DAMSELLS NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (17 runners)

1	0-	ASTRAPEN 249 (P Davenport) Mrs M Rimell 5-10-9	A Sharpe	—
2	P-	BOXERS SHUKEE 397 (S Mailes) J Bradley 4-10-9	G Davies	—
3	00-0	COMPELLING 13 (Mrs P McConnell) D Elsworth 5-10-9	R Arnott	—
4		DALLONA (J Keogh) J Spearing 4-10-9	M Bosley	—
5	0	FLY BIRD 13 (D Ward-Smith) P Bowden 4-10-9	B Wright	—
6	0-4	FLYING FINCH 28 (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 4-10-9	K Mooney	● 99
7	20	GRAYROSE DOUBLE 22 (BF) (Dr G Jones) E Owen jun 4-10-8	D J Burchell (7)	91
8		HOT FLUSH (T Sivier) A James 5-10-9	R Hyett	—
13	-0	MISS DORSET 54 (D McCain) D McCain 4-10-9	—	—
14	000	MISS METAL-WOODS 8 (Metal-Woods Ltd) S Mellor 5-10-9	G Landau	—
15	00	MITALA MARIA 57 (B) (G Millard) D Gandolfo 4-10-9	S Smith Eccles	—
16	B	MOLINELLO 8 (Affordshire Ltd) Mrs I McKie 5-10-9	A Webb	—
17		PHILOSOPHICAL (J Nolan) Miss S Wilton 4-10-9	W Knox	—
18	P/0000-	PORTWAY ANNA 191 (Exors of late F Smith) M Scudamore 6-10-9	P Scudamore	—
21	0-	SHY HIKER 285 (M Lilley) R Dickin 4-10-9	Mr R Bellamy (7)	90
22	430-	SMOKIN' ANNA 226 (C House) J Old 6-10-9	S McNeill	86
23		TAKE A HIKE (R Padgham) J Edwards 6-10-9	T Morgan	86

BETTING: Evens Flying Finch, 5-1 Grayrose Double, Smokin' Anna, 6-1 Take A Hike, 10-1 Astrapen, 12-1 Compelling, 14-1 others.

1986: CINDIE GIRL 4-11-10 M Harrington (3-1) S Mellor 16 ran

FORM COMPELLING (10-7) raced too freely on reappearance at Taunton (2m 1f, £648, soft, Nov 19, 12 ran) when 29l 5th to Dromin Academy (10-12).
FLYING FINCH (10-9) running-on 6¼l 4th to Steeple View (11-0) in competitive Newbury event (2m 100yd, £2220, good, Nov 4, 24 ran).
GRAYROSE DOUBLE, beaten favourite over course and distance on heavy ground last time, previously (10-6) 10l runner-up to Heyfleet (10-11) at Stratford (2m, £1015, good to soft, Oct 24, 17 ran).
SHY HIKER (10-5) may improve on 7th to Good Lord (10-10) at Wincanton (2m, £1142, good to soft, Mar 12, 20 ran).
SMOKIN' ANNA put up best effort first time out last *season when (10-2) 12½l 4th to The A Train (11-0) at* Warwick (2m, £1076, good to soft, Dec 27, 14 ran).
Selection: FLYING FINCH

3.0 EROSTIN GROUP GREAT BRITAIN V AUSTRALIA NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Round I: £678: 2m) (4 runners)

1	02-0P	RECTORY BOY 12 (B Llewellyn) W Price 4-11-10	N Harnett	93
2	0000-	AYRES ROCK 272 (Mrs V Wells) B Wells 5-11-9	H Davies	● 99
3	400-0	PEARLY KING 9 (R De Lisser) G Kindersley 4-11-4	H Green	98
4	004-100	MONTEFIASO 14 (D,G) (R Osborne) R Hodges 5-10-7	P Scudamore	83

BETTING: 15-8 Pearly King, 2-1 Montefiasco, 3-1 Rectory Boy, 5-1 Ayres Rock.

1986: TASHONYA 4-10-10 N Harnett (25-1) B Wells 7 ran

FORM RECTORY BOY has shown little in two outings this season — best judged (11-0) on a 1¼l 2nd to Capulet (11-0) here (2m, Nov, £999, heavy, Dec 18, 17 ran).
AYRES ROCK (10-3) weakened between the last two when 61/2l 5th to Rix Woodcock (10-8) at Lingfield (2m, £2818, heavy, Mar 5, 11 ran).
PEARLY KING (10-10) will strip fitter for reappearance 5th to Cumuse (10-10) at Windsor (2m 30yd, Nov, good to soft). Best effort last season (10-10) when 5½l 5th to Rymer King (11-4) at Towcester (2m, Nov, £836, soft, Mar 26, 17 ran).
MONTEFIASO (10-2) best judged on a 1¼l defeat of Lucky Mistake (10-9) at Market Rasen (2m, Sell, £671, good, Sept 26, 14 ran).
Selection: AYRES ROCK

3.30 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£799: 2m 3f) (17 runners)

2	02020/0-	RAMORE 548 (Mrs H Knott) C Jackson 5-11-10	H Davies	—
3	U0-34	SAINT FRED 22 (E Kirwan) S Christian 5-11-9	R J Beggan	78
5	P00	DISCO JOE 12 (K Lewis) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-6	R Hyett	—
6	F20-0	IMADYNA 58 (E Parker) D Barons 5-11-5	P Nicholls	89
7	40-0033	ARCTIC CAVALIER 35 (B) (Segray Properties Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-5	M Pitman	82
8	42/20	STEPALONG 22 (BF) (A Smith) D Gandolfo 6-11-4	S Smith Eccles	79
9	033-000	SPACE KATE 14 (E Evans) E Evans 6-11-2	P Warner	75
10	20234-3	PAMELA HEANEY 58 (J Rosenfield) H Beasley 5-10-13	J Brown (7)	77
13	000-000	EXALTED DAWN 9 (Mrs S Spreadbury) G Doidge 5-10-8	D Wonnacott	77
14	00049-2	SIRUNDY 14 (B Jones) W Price 6-10-7	A Price (7)	● 99
15	R0003-U	QUICKEN THE BID 6 (H Perry) K Bishop 4-10-5	S Earle	76
16	000-00F	TRUE JACK 12 (R Piper) G Thorner 6-10-5	S McNeill	—
17	PP0	STEVE'S BOY 27 (M Rogers) R Curtis 7-10-4	R Goldstein	—
18	FP00	CHEMMAN 6 (B) (W Davies) Mrs N Sharpe 8-10-4	A Sharpe	—
20	4/F001F	QUEENS PALACE 8 (S) (C Shone) D Burchell 9-10-3	D J Burchell (7)	—
21	P0P-0	FINBARR 22 (Mrs P Beck) N Painting 5-10-1	S Lovejoy (7)	—
22	0/0-4	MIDSUMMER WALK 91 (M Austin) N Ayliffe 5-10-1	W Irvine (7)	—

BETTING: 7-4 Sirundy, 11-2 Imadyna, 6-1 Queens Palace, 15-2 Arctic Chevalier, 8-1 Quicken The Bid, Saint Fred, Stepalong, 12-1 Pamela Heaney, 14-1 others.

1986: MERRY TOM 8-9-13 A Price (12-1) W Price 20 ran

FORM RAMORE (10-6) not seen out since finishing 14½l 5th to Shoubad Melody *(10-11) at Tramore (2m, £1035, good, Jun 1988, 10* ran).
SAINT FRED (11-0) beaten from out when 10½l 4th to Dick Knight (11-0) at Devon (2m 1f, £870, good to soft, Nov 10, 18 ran).
IMADYNA (11-6) best judged on a 10l 2nd to Ranelagh (10-10) at Wolverhampton (2m, £1057, good to soft, Mar 20, 17 ran).
STEPALONG below best on heavy ground last time. Previously (10-7) 3l 2nd to Hope Cove (10-7) at Devon (2m 1f, £880, good to soft, Oct 6, 12 ran).
PAMELA HEANEY (10-12) *never got in an effective* blow when 12l 3rd to Super Bar (10-12) at Southwell (2m, £697, good, Oct 5, 18 ran).
SIRUNDY (11-0) showed improved form last time *when 2l 2nd to Cone Alone (11-0) at Worcester (2m* 4f, £1165, soft, Nov 18, 23 ran) with SPACE KATE (10-8) out of the first ten.
Selection: SIRUNDY

Course specialists

	TRAINERS Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Edwards	12	45	26.7
F Walwyn	8	31	25.8
P Davis	5	23	21.7
D Nicholson	7	40	17.5
D Burchell	5	29	17.2
T Forster	12	73	16.4

	JOCKEYS Winners	Rides	Per cent
Mrs T Nicholls	6	13	46.2
P Croucher	8	35	22.9
P Scudamore	23	104	22.1
R Dunwoody	17	84	20.2
H Davies	16	90	17.8
K Mooney	8	50	16.0

HEXHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Silken Turn.
1.15 Crack-A-Jim.
1.45 Mossmorran.
2.15 Dime And A Dollar.
2.45 Wise Cracker.
3.15 Dunloring.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.45 Wise Cracker.

Going: soft (heavy patches)

12.45 RACING POST NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,328: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

4	0-6	ALSHONDBURY 19 (Mrs S Brook) M W Easterby 6-11-4	N Doughty	—
5	W	ANCAT 1435 (W Jackson) M W Easterby 7-11-4	C Grant	—
6	28/	BEAU DEREK 777 (W Spink) T Barron 7-11-4	P Tuck	—
8	4021-F6	CLEVER FOLLY 12 (S) (N B Mason Farms Ltd) G W Richards 7-11-4	Mr M Thompson (4)	73
9	040100	FINALE SEPT 11 (F,G,S) (M Thompson) V Thompson 7-11-4	B Storey	—
10	3000-00	HOWS TONY 25 (Mrs D Bousfield) B Bousfield 6-11-4	Mr M Walsh (7)	85
15	04F002	MILLSTREAK 21 (Mrs D Cullham) Mrs D Cullham 7-11-4	M Hammond	87
16	03030/2	MR PERFECT 11 (Mrs J Musgrave) B Wilkinson 8-11-4	K Jones	—
17	P02	NIGHT MAGIC 4 (J Watby) W A Stephenson 5-11-4	D Nolan	● 99
18	12-2003	OAKGROVE 11 (Mrs M Morrash) P Monteith 5-11-4	J D Davies (4)	—
19	P	PARKLYN 57 (R Layland) R Layland 9-11-4	A Merrigan (4)	81
22	P00000	TEMPLE TOBERA 15 (Hattersley Roofing Ltd) W A Stephenson 5-11-4	C N Smith (7)	—
26	40300-0	LUSIANA 15 (W Heaney) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-13	J J Quinn	95
28	0/0F-P2F	SILKEN TURN 12 (BF,S) (B Morton) P Charlton 7-10-13	—	—

BETTING: 3-1 Mr Perfect, 7-2 Clever Folly, 4-1 Millstreak, 6-1 Night Magic, 8-1 Finale Sept, 10-1 Silken Turn, 12-1 Oakgrove, 14-1 Lusiana, 16-1 others.

1986: MEETING ABANDONED — HIGH WINDS

1.15 EXTEL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,150: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

6	042225	CRACK-A-JIM 4 (D Gill) Miss Z Green 5-11-10	J O'Gorman (7)	89
9	000-0F2	SNOW BABU 23 (A Mansley) D Moffatt 5-11-4	K Teelan	89
11	004000-	BALMBICELLO 193 (R Bainbridge) R Bainbridge 5-11-3	G Lyons (7)	98
12	43-0024	CELTYSOC 11 (BF) (B Harland

BOXING

ITV pulls out but bout goes on for Warren

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Britain's top two promoters clash tonight with shows in the capital. At the Grand Hall, Wembley, out of London and the US of A, Mic-key D-u-u-u-fff ("Comes to fight") and at the Albert Hall, from Islington, North London, Fraaaank War-rrennnn ("Good to his mum").

In Duff's corner is the BBC, but ITV, which was in Warren's corner, pulled out after hearing that the Blaine Logsden-Tony Wilson light-heavyweight title bout was off and of the unexpected withdrawal of Nigel Benn's opponent, Kenny Snow.

But the show goes on. As Warren said: "We are not in the business of cancelling shows." The bouts will be filmed by Cheerleader Productions for showing at a later date.

Will the supporters go to Wembley, where the unbeaten Horace Notice, No. 14 in the world, tops the programme with his defence of the Commonwealth title against Dean Waters, of Australia, and Duke McKenzie, the world fly-weight title contender, meets Juan Herrera, a former world champion?

Or will they go to the Albert Hall to see the "middleweight Tyson", Benn, knock out Alberto Gonzalez, of the United States, a replacement for Snow, and see Gary Stretch, the best young prospect of the year, make his return after nine months?

Or will they bang the heads of the promoters together for their stupidity by staying at home and, as they say in Waters's country, "warm the set and cool the tinnies", and watch the fights on television? ITV viewers will have the pleasure of *Popeye Doyle* as a replacement for Benn's strong-arm tactics.

Tonight's date was booked first by Warren, but as the Boxing Board's policy against staging major shows on the same night was abandoned last year, Duff and Barrett were free to take on Warren. The losers could be supporters who want to see live boxing. Hopefully, their message to the promoters will be the same as that from *Boxing News*: "Grow up!"

Waters, who has lost two of his seven contests, should not trouble Notice. Waters has been stopped by Eddie Richardson, who was beaten in seven rounds by Notice's stable mate, Gary Mason. McKenzie's opponent is not the force he once was. He has had 50 contests, won 40, lost nine, and been stopped three times.

Benn, at the Albert Hall, has the look of a genuine world-title prospect. All his 11 contests have ended inside the distance, 10 of them being knock-outs. Gonzales has won 15 of his 18 contests.

Meticulous notes bearing rich fruit

Sports writers of The Times *present their selections from the sports books of 1987. Today: JOHN BLUNSDEN on the best from the world of motor racing.*



SPORTS BOOKS OF THE YEAR

The closer the season's last grand prix approaches Christmas (and this year the gap was a mere 40 days), the more difficult life becomes for publishers of motor-racing annuals. Full marks, therefore, to a new company, First Formula Publishing, for seeing their first-ever book off the production line by November 24 and on to the bookshelves by December 4.

Murray Walker's Grand Prix Year, which has been published in association with ICI, is a compact 144-page softback that does not seek to compete with the more costly hardback "heavyweights" yet offers a comprehensive and exceedingly readable review of the 16 races on which Murray Walker has commentated with such enthusiasm for BBC television.

Walker is probably the most meticulous note-taker in the paddock, and his industry has borne rich fruit in the amount of detail he has been able to build into his team analyses for each race, and superb photography from John Townsend has provided 150 colour and 120 black-and-white pictures to remind us that 1987 was indeed an incident-packed season.

The Formula One World championship dates back to 1950 and has produced 64 individual race winners, all of whom are the subject of brief but most eloquently and perceptively written profiles in *The Grand Prix Drivers: Racing Heroes from Fangio to Prost*. Four journalists — Denis Jenkinson, Nigel Roebuck, Alan Henry and Maurice Hamilton — have contributed material covering a decade each, and as if to prove that a good photograph can be worth a thousand words, the camera artistry of Geoff Goddard, Nigel Snowdon and Diana Burnett has been given a magnificent opportunity for expression in this large-format soft-cover book. Only in recent years have grand prix drivers attained star status and received its attendant level of exposure: this book reminds us that there was no lack of charisma amongst their predecessors, many of whom were considerably larger in magnetism, not only in body.

The RAC Rally is the supreme event in the rally world, and at last it has a book worthy of its stature. In *RAC Rally*, Maurice Hamilton has painted a vivid word picture of the metamorphosis of a competition which began as a gentlemanly run around the countryside in 1932 and devolved into the highly professional and heavily financed contest on mainly Forestry Commission land which we know today.

It was a change that did not come easily, for as Hamilton reminds us, with the aid of many snippets of other writers' contemporary comments and interviews with competitors, rallying has long been heavy on politics and at times short on commonsense. This, therefore, is a "warts and all" story, carefully researched and told with honesty and conviction.

● *Murray Walker's Grand Prix Year* (First Formula Publishing, £5.95).

● *The Grand Prix Drivers* (Hazleton Publishing, £9.95).

● *RAC Rally* (Partridge Press, £13.95).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Championship Group seven
Luxembourg v Scotland (Esch-sur-Alzette, 6.15)

Simod Cup Second round
Bradford v Newcastle

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Huddersfield v Hull (7.30); Leicester v Sunderland, Nottingham Forest v Leeds. Second division: Bolton v Blackburn; Newcastle v Scunthorpe; Port Vale v Wigan, Preston v Stoke; West Bromwich v Barnsley.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Brighton v Fulham (7.15); Crystal Palace v Portsmouth (at Tooting and Mitcham FC), Millwall v West Ham (2.0); Swindon v Oxford United (2.0).
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Second round: Yeovil v Wokingham.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Radcliffe v Fleetwood.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: First round: Hounslow v Fareham, Merthyr v Bromsgrove Premier division: Burton v Witney; Shepshed v VS Rugby. Midland division: Mile Oak v Coventry Sporting Southern division: Sheppey v Waterlooville.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division south: Horsham v Camberley; Molesey v Eastbourne United.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Kingsbury v Hampton.
SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Wick v Hastings Town.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Middlesex FA XI v Army FA XI (at Wealdstone FC)

HOCKEY
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE (2.15): Guildford v Cambridge University, London University v Oxford University.

RUGBY UNION
CLUB MATCHES: Bedford v Loughborough Students, Bridgend v South Glamorgan Institute (7.15); Cardiff v Newbridge (7.15); Coventry v London Irish (7.15); Llanelli v Neath (7.0); Lydney v Moseley; South Wales Police v Glamorgan Wanderers (7.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE
STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford v Wigan.

BASKETBALL
EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Quarter-final pool: Kingston v Limoges (Fr) (8.0).
CARLSBERG LEAGUE (8.0): Bracknell v Hemel and Watford, Sunderland v Portsmouth.

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON: Railcard challenge (at Barnstaple): Wales v Scotland (at Swansea).
BOWLS: Indoor county match: Berkshire v Sussex (Arun).
BOXING: Tournaments: Albert Hall; Trentham Gardens, Stoke; Ulster Hall, Belfast; Wembley.
SNOOKER: Foster's World doubles championship (at Northampton)
SQUASH RACKETS: Rotherwell open championship (at Leeds).

SPORT ON TV
SPORTSNIGHT: Boxing: International flyweight contest, Duke McKenzie (GB) v Juan Herrera (Mex) and Commonwealth heavyweight championship: Horace Notice (holder) v Dean Waters (Aus) from Wembley. Bobsleigh: Preview of the British team's chances at the Winter Olympics in Canada. BBC1: 10.20 p.m.

Junior favourite

Matthew Syed, of Reading, the winner of the Cleveland Junior International table tennis tournament, is favourite to capture the boys' title at the Leeds Junior National championships at Hinckley from December 12 to 13. But the No. 1 seed is Bradley Billington, of Chesterfield, a town which provides the girls' top seed, Kerry Hall.

Tennis coach takes his home-grown fruit to the Orange Bowl

Planting hope in Britain

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Carrie Bullen, of Salisbury, aged 15, and Dave Emery, originator and director of Winchester Tennis and Squash Club's junior incentive programme, fly to Florida this morning for three weeks' work. Miss Bullen is the only girl travelling from Britain for the renowned Orange Bowl junior championships in Miami.

This is Miss Bullen's prize for an outstanding record in Emery's "Star Search" scheme, one of the success stories of British tennis. Only 5ft 3in tall, but strong in build and character, Miss Bullen will compete in warm-up tournaments at Jacksonville and Miami before trying to qualify for the Orange Bowl.

It says much about Emery and his scheme that, although Miss Bullen could have had the place reserved for Britain in the main draw, she must prove herself by qualifying. "We decided that she should fight her way through," Emery said. "You get what you earn. We didn't want to be given anything."

That is what his "Star Search" is about. For a fee of about £100, players aged seven to 18 work in mixed groups, graded according to ability, for nine months from October until the holiday and tournament season begins in June.

Emery's programme gives them a month in which to find their feet. Then they are awarded points, every month, for running, a variety of exercises, attitude, match-play and tactics, rallying, squad performance, technique — and results.

The better players qualify for such prizes as tickets to big tournaments, free coaching, restrings, tins of balls, tee-shirts, perhaps even a trip to Miami. "No child ever gets cash," Emery said. "Money is a poor goal. They should be aiming to develop their tennis rather than their bank balances. If they are any good they will earn the money anyway."

To win the Miami tour, Miss Bullen had to score 1,500 points in one month and average 1,000 points in six of the seven other months. In short, she had to be consistently good. Emery hopes that four or five players will qualify to go to Miami next year. Lincoln Floor Maintenance Ltd have guaranteed the 1988 prizes.

Emery and his wife twice had to remortgage their house in order to get the programme off the ground. He envisaged "Star Search" a decade ago but, in its present form, the scheme began in 1985. Since then the number involved has risen from 40 to 100, leading to another search — for more sponsors.

Emery has been lucky in finding a responsive, go-ahead, well equipped club with nine hard courts (four of them floodlit) and six grass courts. Five former grass courts are being converted to synthetic grass. Emery hopes to lease an adjacent site for a subsidiary club devoted exclusively to juniors.



Ripe for a challenge: Carrie Bullen ready for her trip to the Orange Bowl

Emery played for Hampshire from 1976 to 1981 and also had a respectable tournament record. He taught English for eight years but in 1980 began to coach full-time rather than part-time. It was evident that he was the kind of coach who lit fires within his charges.

"He does so much more than most coaches," Miss Bullen observed. "He really gets you going — pumps you up," added another of the top squad, Richard Robson. "He makes you believe in yourself." The mothers, Ann Bullen and Valerie Robson, refer to Emery's enthusiasm, his ability to motivate the children, his friendship with them, the time and effort he puts into the job —and his ability to produce results.

There are other British coaches with similar qualities and other schemes that have much in common with "Star Search". But Emery and his programme are shining examples of what can and should be done. "There are a lot of good juniors out there, but they need a good programme — with incentives," he said. "In spite of disappointing results in senior international competition, which attracts the publicity, tennis is definitely a boom sport.

"It's not the job of the governing body to make champions. Their job is to disseminate information and opportunity. It's up to enthusiastic pros, organizing schemes like this, to provide players for the Lawn Tennis Association to take over."

Emery will bring Miss Bullen home on December 24, just in time for the club's Christmas Eve tournament. In Emery's world, there is no such thing as jet-lag.

S African trip proves superfluous

From Richard Evans
New York

If someone standing under an anti-apartheid banner ever asks Pat Cash "Was your journey really necessary?" the Wimbledon champion will have to answer, in all honesty, "No."

But that response would come with the clarity of of hindsight. Cash played, and eventually won, the South African Open 10 days ago to ensure that he would have enough points to qualify for the eight-man Nabisco Masters, which begins at Madison Square Garden tonight.

The fact that Cash was prepared to travel so far to such a controversial destination in search of grand prix points has provided welcome evidence that the system works. But, ironically in this particular instance, we now know that Cash need not have bothered.

The 313 points the Australian won in Johannesburg merely lifted him into seventh place in the standings above the eighth man, Brad Gilbert. Cash's previous total of 1,874 would still have been good enough for him to qualify, as Tim Mayotte (1,815) had finished his season and Andres Gomez, who has qualified for the last four Masters, surprisingly failed to reach the later stages of the big-money event in Itaparica, Brazil, last week.

It was the Gomez threat that sent Cash to South Africa, but the left-hander from Ecuador lost to that old war-horse, Tomas Smid, in the quarter-finals, leaving Cash with more points than he needed and a pro-South African tag he needed a great deal less.

It is typical of the varied personalities that make up the world-wide tennis family that Cash should have edged out Mayotte for a place in the Masters. Criticism from political groups over his South African adventure will slide off Cash's broad shoulders like water off a duck's back.

He is a good Catholic boy and a devoted family man, but when you start talking politics, Pat just turns up the rock 'n' roll. Mayotte could hardly be more different. A sophisticated New Englander, he spent all his spare time during the recent Paris Open in art museums and refused to play in South Africa "for personal reasons". Tim's values left him as first alternate at the Garden.

At the top of the batting order, Ivan Lendl goes into the tournament as firm favourite to retain his crown and confirm his position as the top player in the world. The Connecticut-based powerhouse seemed to brook no argument over his status while winning the Benson and Hedges title three weeks ago, but there was an important challenger missing from the Wembley line-up — Stefan Edberg.

In October I saw the Swede play the match of the year as far as sustained quality was concerned to beat Lendl, 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, in Tokyo. The match was played on a Supreme carpet, the same surface being used here at the Garden. If both players should fight their way through the two-group round-robin format to reach the final, Lendl will not be an automatic winner.

Under Tony Pickard's firm but genial guidance, Edberg is growing month by month into the kind of hardened match-player capable of utilizing his talents to the full. And there is no doubt that Edberg has the talent to be No. 1 in the world. This 1987 Masters may tell us how ready he is to take that great final stride.

Lendl, who will be bidding for his fifth Masters title, an outright record, is in the Rod Laver group, along with Jimmy Connors, Gilbert and Boris Becker, while the Pancho Segura group comprises Edberg, Cash, Mats Wilander and Miloslav Mecir. Cash, believe it or not, is the first Australian to play in the Masters since John Newcombe in 1974.

FIXTURES: Round-robin: Today: S Edberg (Swe) v P Cash (Aus); J Connors (US) v B Gilbert (US); M Mecir (Cz) v M Wilander (Swe). Tomorrow: I Lendl (Cz) v Gilbert; Connors v B Becker (WG); Mecir v Edberg. Friday: Wilander v Cash; Lendl v Connors; Becker v Gilbert. Saturday: Edberg v Wilander; Becker v Lendl; Cash v Mecir. Sunday: Semi-finals. Monday: Final.

GOLF

Reid unhappy with veil of secrecy over WPGA plans

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Dale Reid, the leading money-winner on the 1987 Women's Professional Golf Association Tour, yesterday admitted she is staggered by her association's clandestine attitude following the official announcement of a £1.6 million tour for next year.

Moreover, Miss Reid, who won £53,815 to lead the order of merit, insisted that she is quite prepared to turn her back on Europe if the WPGA sever their links with the PGA.

The WPGA is maintaining a curious veil of secrecy over its discussions with the PGA. They have still to decide whether to remain with the PGA or go it alone with the support of a company such as Parallel Media or Mark McCormack's International Management Group.

Miss Reid said: "I'm delighted with the way the PGA organizes things and with a prize fund of £1.6 million for next year. That's up 100 per cent and I doubt whether anybody in Britain has received a pay rise like that.

"I certainly wouldn't be happy if we split from the PGA. I would be inclined to look elsewhere and I would seek to play in America. What worries me is that a committee of six could decide the future of 130 people."

It is mystifying why the WPGA have been unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion, especially as Maxine Burton, the chairman, and Chris Gotla, of the PGA, sat next to each other in London to reveal next year's re-structured circuit.

In fact, Miss Burton said: "We are delighted with the schedule, which only continues to confirm our growing strength in the golfing world. Nine years ago we played for £100,000. To have £1.6 million at stake next season is a marvellous achievement for everyone concerned."

Gotla added: "The growth reflects the increasing awareness of women's golf both in Britain and on the Continent."

A total of 29 tournaments, including two new to Britain, are included on the schedule, which stretches from April to November. It opens with the Marbella Open at Los Naranjos from April 14 to 17, followed by the Ford Classic at Woburn (April 27 to 30), and closes with a new £120,000 tournament that is confirmed, although the sponsors have still to reveal themselves.

It only seems unfortunate that the Weetabix British Open has been switched to Lindrick from August 4 to 7 and will coincide with the PGA European Tour's Benson and Hedges International, which is being played down the road at Fulford.

1988 EUROPEAN TOUR DATES

TBA: venue to be arranged

April		**August**	
14-17:	Marbella Open, Naranjos (£60,000)	4-7:	British Women's Open, Lindrick (£100,000)
27-30:	Ford Classic, Woburn (£40,000)	11-14:	Danish Open, Rungsted (£80,000)
May		18-21:	Swedish Open, Delsjo (£60,000)
5-8:	Quinta da Marinha Classic, Portugal (£50,000)	25-28:	Bowring Scottish Open, Cawdor (£40,000)
12-15:	Portuguese Open, Vilamoura (£40,000)	**September**	
18-21:	British Olivetti tournament, Moor Hall (£30,000)	1-4:	Variety Club Celebrity Classic, Calcot Park (£50,000)
26-29:	German Masters, TBA (£60,000)	8-11:	Godiva European Masters, Royal Antwerp (£100,000)
June		15-18:	Italian Open, TBA (£70,000)
2-5:	Broadway Group Wirrall Classic, Caldy (£30,000)	22-25:	WPGA Championship, TBA
9-12:	Letting French Open, Forquex (£70,000)	29-Oct 2:	James Capel Guernsey Open, Royal Guernsey (£40,000)
16-19:	Dutch Open, Arnhem (£60,000)	**October**	
23-26:	St Moritz Open, St Moritz (£50,000)	6-9:	Lang Chanty Classic Stoke Poges (£40,000)
30-Jul 3:	European Open, Kingswood (£50,000)	13-16:	Biarritz Open, Biarritz (£50,000)
July		20-23:	World Team Challenge Broome Park (£35,000)
7-10:	Hennessy Cup, St Germain (£75,000)	27-30:	Woolmark Match-Play Championship, TBA (£50,000)
20-23:	Bloor Homes Eastleigh Classic, Fleming Park (£40,000)	**November**	
28-31:	German Open, Düsseldorf (£60,000)	2-4:	Spanish Open, La Manga
		10-13:	Tournament (confirmed), TBA (£120,000)

GYMNASTICS

FIG looks for flexible method of scoring

By Peter Aykroyd

The end of the profusion of scores of 10 at major world tournaments may be in sight, according to Yuri Titov, of the Soviet Union, the president of the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG).

In a recent interview with *International Gymnast* magazine, Titov said the ceiling of 10 points made it "too difficult to make rational differences between leading gymnasts".

Scores of perfect 10s first became commonplace when Nadia Comaneci, of Romania, scored seven at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Inspired by her consummate skill and innovation, both leading men and women gymnasts began to introduce increasingly complex routines — routines that could be rewarded only with maximum scores.

As a result, the FIG code of points, the sport's rule book for judges and gymnasts, quickly went out of date. Despite five-yearly revisions, the code is just not flexible enough to acknowledge the continuing development of spectacular moves.

Before the last revision, in 1985, there were three difficulty gradings, classified A, B and C. So many top gymnasts could perform moves in the C category, considered highly difficult, that the FIG introduced a fourth, even more exacting, rating — D — obligatory for both men and women in the finals of major competitions.

But the recent world championships in Rotterdam demonstrated that standards have risen again.

Titov indicated that the scheme now being considered will centre on a base score to which bonus points for outstanding execution can be added without the restriction of an upper limit. Penalties would be deducted in the same way as at present. The use of computers to aid efficient judging is also likely to be sanctioned.

CYCLING

Ghent spirit earns rides for Williams

By Peter Bryan

Russell Williams and Shaun Wallace, although Britain's "also-rans" in the recent Ghent six-day race, did not go unnoticed or unrewarded for their spirited riding. Out of their depth as a first-time pairing in the fast madisons, they were both able to show their potential in the supporting sprint events and in the closing session made a clean sweep of a six-race series.

While the six-day "circus" moved on to Zurich and elsewhere, Williams and Wallace opted to stay in Ghent, an ideal centre for racing and training. They now have contracts for one of the winter season's top 100-kilometre madisons in Copenhagen on December 8 but it is likely that they will be separated and teamed with local riders.

Williams, who has ridden on the road unsponsored this year, follows that event with the Maastricht "six" starting on December 11 and returns to Ghent for an omnium on December 27. Wallace, who set a world flying-start kilometre record of 58.95sec in Colorado Springs, is hoping to have a further two months' indoor track racing in Europe before joining a new team, Sumkyong, for road events in the United States next year.

Following his withdrawal in the last hour from the Ghent six-day because his partner, Rene Pijnen (The Netherlands) was too ill to continue, Tony Doyle rode Zurich partnered by Roman Hermann, of Liechtenstein. They finished second to the Swiss/West German pair of Urs Freuler and Didi Thurau.

Doyle had fallen heavily in Ghent but insisted that his injuries did not require him to rest.

FOOTBALL: A WIN ON SATURDAY WILL MAKE CLUB HISTORY FOR KIDDERMINSTER

Perfect setting for Roy of the Rovers

By Paul Newman

FA CUP

Dropping a regular first-team player who is a favourite with the crowd is never an action for a manager to take lightly. When Graham Allner left Kim Casey out of his Kidderminster Harriers team earlier this season it was one of the bravest decisions of his managerial career.

Casey has built a reputation as the Gary Lineker of non-League football. He is an established England semi-professional international and has topped the GM Vauxhall Conference scoring charts for the last two years, hitting a club record 73 goals in his first full campaign for Kidderminster and following up with 48 last season.

He and his two attacking colleagues, Paul Davies and Mick Tuohy, have become the most feared combination in the non-League game. Largely thanks to them, Kidderminster, holders of the FA Trophy, have built a reputation for dynamic, entertaining football. They have already knocked Hereford United out of the Welsh Cup this week, and on Saturday they will reach the third round of the FA Cup for the first time in their 101-year history if they win away to Maidstone United.

Casey's speed, skill on the ball and eye for goal have attracted the attention of numerous Barclays League scouts, but he and the club have told prospective purchasers that only an exceptional offer would tempt him away from Kidderminster and his job as an insurance underwriter.



United again: Graham Allner, left, and Kim Casey, a man with a reputation for effectiveness

Earlier this year David Reynolds, the Kidderminster chairman, said that it would take a non-League record fee of £100,000 to prise him away from the club, adding: "Casey is worth more than any transfer fee to us. The kids come to see him. He's our Roy of the Rovers."

Yet three months ago Allner, who had first nurtured Casey's talent at his previous club, AP Leamington, dropped him for a Conference match away to Macclesfield Town. Allner explained: "We had lost our first three games, which was pretty well a continuation of our league form the previous season, and I thought that a lot of our problems were down to the forwards. The trouble was that because of their reputation people were prepared to make excuses for them.

"The front three were beginning to believe everything that was being said and written about them, and they thought they could just walk on the pitch and turn it on without making any effort. They had also been together for two years and become a bit predictable.

"Kim's strike rate in 1987 had in fact been pretty poor, and in the end I dropped him for one match and had a few harsh words with him. I think it's done the trick, because there's been a marked improvement in his attitude since then."

Casey has reacted in the way that he knows best — by scoring goals. Despite having been out of action for more than a month with a fractured cheekbone, he has already taken his Conference tally this season to 10.

Allner hopes that his signing of two new forwards, Robert Jones, from Walsall, and Peter Howell, from Aston Villa, will keep the pressure on the established front three. They have also provided good cover during the injuries to Casey and Davies, who misses Saturday's match following a cartilage operation last month.

Kidderminster won away to Maidstone in the Conference earlier this season, but Allner will be making every effort this week to see that no more complacency creeps into his team. "I hope I've conquered that particular problem," he said.

BASKETBALL

Tough tests in store for British pair

By Nicholas Harling

By reaching the last eights of their respective European competitions, Sharp Manchester United and Polycell Kingston have already achieved what no two British clubs have previously managed together in the same season. For that reason alone, most of their rivals would have been content whatever the outcome, but Kingston, in particular, will be disappointed if they do not progress from their quarter-final group of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

With the top two teams to qualify, Kingston could just advance if they reproduce the form that has taken them unbeaten through their opening 11 Carlsberg League games, into their fourth successive Prudential National Cup final and through two successive rounds in Europe for the first time.

Whether Kingston will also be strong enough to build up a sound first leg advantage against Limoges at Tolworth in tonight's home leg is another matter. Dacoury, Vestriss and Ostrowski are experienced French internationals and their Americans are no slouches, either.

Such is the strength of the opposition in United's Korac Cup quarter-final group, however, that their coach, Joe Whelton, talks about "a learning process", which could start with no more inhibiting an opening game than tonight's in Zagreb against the former European champions, Cibona, who still have the illustrious Petrovic, the 1986 European Player of the Year.

With only one team to qualify and Caserta, from Italy, and Racing Club de Paris, still to come, United's chances of further progress are indeed remote.

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FOOTBALL

New competitions gain little favour from League clubs

By Clive White

Despite the insistence of the Football League that clubs will "wholeheartedly support" the Mercantile Credit festival, part of the League's centenary celebrations, at Wembley next April, the tournament continues to meet with opposition from most club managers — at least those who were aware of its existence.

George Graham, the manager of Arsenal, presently in second place in the first division, said yesterday: "I don't really know a lot about it. I'm sure most managers will tell you that they could do without it. It's not of paramount importance. The yardstick by which I'm judged as a manager is how successful Arsenal are in the League and major cup competitions, not mini-events."

Mercantile Credit, which has expressed its disappointment at the way its sponsorship of the centenary season is being received, denied that another event, the centenary trophy or McGregor Cup, a knock-out competition between the top eight clubs in the first division on August 6, 10 and 13, would have to be reconsidered, also because of lack of interest on the part of the clubs.

Graham remarked: "The first I heard of this one was when I was told we were entered. I don't welcome it. I've got to prepare for the following season and I don't want to be playing clubs I might have to face in the first few weeks of the season."

Mercantile, which has spent £750,000 so far sponsoring the centenary celebrations, also denied that it was seeking urgent talks with the League to find ways of making them more attractive to the media and the public. Terry Crabb, a spokesman for the sponsor, said: "It is an on-going thing. We have a working party who meet the League quite regularly." He said that the sponsorship looked "very exciting" at the outset. Asked whether Mercantile might withdraw their support, he said: "That hasn't been discussed."

It was hard to find much enthusiasm for either tournament yesterday, save for chairmen with respect to the Wembley festival. Clearly the prize-money, which totals £385,000, convinced them that it has some merit.

The tournament, which is open to the top eight in the first division, the top four in the second division and top two in the third and fourth divisions, is to be staged on April 16 and 17 — just as the race for honours in the various divisions is coming to the boil. While the timing of the event may be perfect as far as the League is concerned — it is their 100th anniversary on the April 17 — managers in sight of winning posts in the League may be of a different view.

Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, commented: "I'm quite excited about it. I'd be delighted to get there." He conceded that the festival could cause a problem for teams challenging for promotion, but vowed that if Crystal Palace qualified they would give of their best.

"It's not every day you play at Wembley," he said. He could not believe that any club would field a sub-standard side.

Qualification for Wembley will depend upon League points accrued from the first 15 League games, starting on November 1. Each of the 16 finalists will receive £15,000; with a further £60,000 to the winners.

At the moment Liverpool, perhaps unconciously, lead the chase to qualify from the first division with 12 points from six games. Luton Town are second and Wimbledon third. Tottenham Hotspur, with two points from four games, and Manchester United, one point from two, are among those with most to do and possibly most to gain.

Noades, a member of the League's management committee, said that he was "aghast" when he heard that £75,000 had been paid to both Everton and Bayern Munich for contesting the centenary challenge match last week at Goodison Park. The match, watched by a live audience of only 13,000, is believed to have made a loss of £100,000.

Six-a-side could expand

Six-a-side football could soon take off all over Europe following the success of indoor events in Britain. FIFA, the world governing body, is sending its own observer to watch the Guinness 'soccer six' tournament in Manchester next week when 16 Barclays League clubs will be playing for £170,000 in prize-money.

The League secretary, Graham Kelly, said yesterday: "Following the success of this exciting new development here, several other countries have staged their own soccer six competitions, including Scotland, West Germany and Sweden.

Mountfield is ruled out

Derek Mountfield, Everton's central defender, has undergone an operation to repair damaged knee ligaments and will be out of action for at least two months.

Mountfield, who has been considering his long-term future with the League champions after losing his first team place, damaged his knee during the opening minutes of a reserve game at Leeds United last week.

Ball's bold move fails

Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, has admitted making an attempt to sign the Italian international defender, Clandio Gentile. Ball said he inquired about the Fiorentina player, who is 34, to cover his club's defensive problems. But the deal broke down when Ball discovered Gentile wanted £100,000 to play in England.

"I did not even tell my chairman about it," Ball said. "I only turned to Gentile when my efforts to sign a player from English or Scottish clubs looked like proving fruitless."

Referees come under fire

Garry Pendrey, the Birmingham City manager, believes that inconsistent refereeing is largely to blame for the high level of bookings this season.

Refuting suggestions from Gordon Taylor, the Professional Football Association secretary, that managers and players must be held responsible, Pendrey said: "I know Taylor well and respect his judgement, but in this case he is out of order. If he does not think that referees are responsible, he's welcome to study the videos of some of our bookings and see for himself the inconsistencies and injustices."

Two in a row

Liverpool have won the Barclays League first division scoring prize of £3,000 for the second month running after hitting 10 goals in November. Manchester City took the second division prize of £1,500.

Fee too high

Bournemouth have made an inquiry about Chelsea's midfield player, John Bumstead, but Bournemouth's manager, Harry Redknapp, said the asking fee of £100,000 was too high. Bournemouth have just spent £25,000 on the full back, David Langan, from Oxford United.

Hull sell Bunn

Frank Bunn, the Hull City forward, has been sold to Oldham Athletic for £90,000. The unexpected deal for the former Luton Town player could pave the way for a big signing by Hull's manager, Brian Horton, who signed Bunn for £40,000 in 1985.

Greece withdraws European threat

Athens (AP) — the Football Federation of Greece has changed its mind about picking juniors for their European championship qualifying match against The Netherlands on December 16, and will field a senior team.

However, the match will be played in a local stadium on the southern island of Rhodes, and television coverage will be banned, according to the Federation secretary, Panayotis Alamaras.

"We've chosen the country's best provincial pitch which also happens to be on a well-known Greek island, and spectators will now be allowed," Alamaras said.

The Greek team will comprise senior players who have not played for the national side before.

The Federation had earlier announced that Greece would use a junior side in protest at a UEFA decision that a match last month between Cyprus and The Netherlands, which was interrupted by a smoke-bomb, should be replayed.

The Federation had said that the game would be played in Alexandroupolis, a small provincial town close to the northern Greek-Turkish border, and that spectators and television coverage would be banned.

Hungary hope to bow out on a winning note when they meet Cyprus in their final European championship qualifying group-five match tomorrow. After a disappointing qualifying campaign, in which they have lost four of their seven matches, the Hungarians aim to raise morale for the 1990 World Cup.

The Hungarian coach, Joszef Garami, faces selection problems. The central defender, Imre Garaba, has not been released by the French club, Rennes, and the midfield players, Zoltan Peter and Attilla Heredi, are injured and suspended respectively.

The Cyprus coach, Takis Charalambous, yesterday learned Jorgos Savvidis, was injured.

Seven FC Porto players named in the Portugal squad for a European championship qualifying match against Italy next Saturday have been released to allow them to prepare for a club fixture. Porto asked for the players to be excused for the world championship match against Penarol, of Uruguay, in

Suspension and injury restrict Beckenbauer

Bonn (Reuter) — The West Germany manager, Franz Beckenbauer, has called up three uncapped players for next week's tour of South America. With his choice severely restricted by injury and unavailability, Beckenbauer has selected the Kaiserslautern sweeper, Franco Foda, aged 21, the Borussia Mönchengladbach midfield player, Hochstaetter, aged 24, and the Stuttgart forward, Klinsmann, aged 23.

West Germany meet Brazil in Brasilia on December 12 then stage a replay of last year's World Cup final, in which they meet Argentina in Buenos Aires four days later. But there has been severe criticism of the tour in the West German media, who say the trip will have little value unless a full-strength team is sent.

Beckenbauer is forced to do without his foreign-based players, Voeller, Allofs and Berthold, while Rahn, Dorfner and Wuttke are injured. The manager has also been unable to call up members of the B team, who play an Olympic qualifier against Greece on December 12.

Two of the regulars Beckenbauer named may be unable to travel. Littbarski has asked to miss the tour to rest a knee injury and Herget faces a domestic suspension, which that bars him from the national team.

Of the three uncapped players in the squad, Hochstaetter and Klinsmann appear to have the best chances of a squad place in next year's European Championship finals in West Germany. Hochstaetter is in brilliant form and Klinsmann, who specializes in spectacular goals, is the league-leading scorer this season with 11.

WEST GERMANY SQUAD: B Illgner (Cologne), E Immel (Stuttgart); G Buchwald (Stuttgart), F Foda (Kaiserslautern), M Frontzeck (Borussia Mönchengladbach), M Herget (Bayer Uerdingen), J Kohler (Cologne), H Pflaugler (Bayern Munich), S Reuter (Nuremberg); A Brehme (Bayern Munich), C Hochstaetter (Borussia Mönchengladbach), L Matthaeus (Bayern Munich), W Rolff (Bayer Leverkusen), M Schwabl (Nuremberg), O Thon (Schalke); D Eckstein (Nuremberg), J Klinsmann (Stuttgart), P Littbarski (Cologne).

● Horst Koeppel, who was assistant to Beckenbauer with the West German team in Mexico, was dismissed yesterday from his job as trainer with Bayer Uerdingen. The 1985 German cup winners and Cup Winners' Cup semi-finalists the following year have struggled against relegation.

Making a meal of it

Athens (AP) — Top-class players in self-isolated Albania cannot find shoes that fit and usually do not get a shower after the match, according to two Albanian first division team members who asked for political asylum here last month.

Instead of receiving cash bonuses for a derby match win, Albanian teams get a four-course meal "with lots of steak and wine", the players, both from Vlaznir Skodra, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Lulzim Bersheni, aged 20, a forward, and Arvid Hoxha, 23, a goalkeeper, claimed there was a wealth of talent in Albanian football, but said there were few incentives for players to excel. "We have some great players but unfortunately they're not spurred on to do that well because there aren't any real rewards," Bersheni, an under-21 international, said.

He said that Vlaznir players were given Czechoslovak or Polish-made shoes, "but we were only allowed to use them for European or international games". Unlike ordinary Albanians, first division players eat meat every day — usually chicken. They get bigger apartments and a special clothing allowance. But after-game showers are a rarity, the players said.

The two Vlaznir players asked for political asylum on October 31 during a stop-over at Athens airport on their way back from a second-round European Cup Winner's Cup defeat in Finland by Rovanienen Palloseura. "We left because we wanted to experience freedom," Hoxha said, speaking through an interpreter. "We believe we're both good players and we'd like to play football in Greece."

Both players said they were treated as local heroes in Skodra, a northern Albanian industrial town, but that playing conditions were difficult because Vlaznir were not favored by the Communist Party, military or secret police officials.

Top referee blows the whistle on administrators out of touch with the game

Norling calls for fewer rules

Everybody hates a referee. No matter how knowledgeable, how impartial, or how accomplished he is there still lurks within us all that urge to give him a bit of stick. Ref-baiting is part and parcel of the afternoon's entertainment. Denied it, you feel deprived.

So when the crowd last year realized the futility of trying to question his decisions, Clive Norling adopted a swish bouffant perm just to indulge the hecklers. "It used to be my figure-hugging shorts they'd take the micky out of," he chuckles. "I couldn't disappoint them, could I?" The long-serving referee, aged 37, is back again this season but without the coiffured mane. Everything else is familiar though for this his tenth season on the international panel: the jowly faced grin; the severe admonitory finger; the bristling moustache; the guttural growl, and the physical presence — 6ft 3in and 15½st — intimidating enough to deter any potential mischief maker. It's all made him the world's most respected official, as well as its most popular.

Several of his colleagues gather in London this weekend for the annual Five Nations Committee meeting but Norling will not be present, primarily because he is moving house in Swansea, but he sees little value in the occasion anyway. "We're only there to rabber-stamp decisions, not to help formulate them," he says.

"With all due respect the people on the International Board are not technically qualified enough to decide on law. Furthermore, they've been out of the active game for the best part of 25 years so have lost touch with the nuances of play on the field. There ought to be a regular brain-storming session, say once every two years, where referees, players, coaches meet with the administrators and thrash a few things out.

"At the moment we need to consider the rock and possible obstruction that's occurring. Maybe we'll decide the laws are fine, but we ought at least to be involved in the process. The World Cup was a golden opportunity wasted. The only exchange of ideas was across a pint. Valuable, but hardly adequate."

But contrary to certain aspersions from down under, Norling is no fastidious prima donna who believes that the referee is the centre of the universe and that everything should revolve around him. Far from it. He whistles as he thinks fit: his applications of the laws is judicious, never tyrannical. Indeed in a match between Cardiff and Bath last season he awarded only one penalty, and that in injury time. On five other occasions he has not had to penalize either side.



Norling lays down the law: 41 dismissals in 900 games

His greatest pleasure is in seeing the players enjoy themselves, be it 10 or 15-man rugby. To that end he's dearly love to see a simplification of the laws. "At Rugby School they started with eight laws; now it's 28. I'd like to see the number reduced, maybe even to the extent of doing away with scrums and lineouts. They're only meant to be procedures for restarting the game yet they invariably lead to another infringement and so another restart. It doesn't make sense."

He's had more years than most as a referee to figure out his perspective on things since a back injury forced him to quit playing at Neath Grammar School. So young Norling took to the whistle at 17. If authority were ever put to the test it was on those pit-ringed pitches where an earnest fresh-faced upstart attempted to lay down the law to craggy, coal-streaked, hardened men.

"It was what you'd call an interesting learning experience," Norling recalls. There were good times — spirited, full-blooded rugby: there were bad times, bruising, brawling, bitter encounters. Norling refutes, however, the alarmist notion that today's highly charged competitive structure breeds a more vicious type of player.

"I've sent off 41 people in my career so far, almost 900 games, and I just don't believe that the game is any more violent than when I started. The only deterioration is that players are quicker tempered so there may be more individual flare-ups but not as much collective thuggery."

The one measure he quite categorically rejects as a possible solution to such indiscipline is the one which the Welsh RFU has adopted for next season — the sin bin. "Absolute nonsense," Norling says. "You're either on the field playing within the laws or you're off it for good.

"It is a complete abdication of responsibility and will encourage weak refereeing. Apart from that, where do you put the player? At the mercy of the crowd? What's more, he'll have an advantage in September by being refreshed and probably die of pneumonia in December.

"Also, how do I keep an accurate time count if more than one ends up there? No, the whole thing will aggravate rather than ease the problem. If we opt out of sending off people by putting them in a sin bin, then how long will it be before we opt out of putting them in a sin bin and merely caution them?"

As befits a lecturer in corporate policy and marketing at West Glamorgan Institute, Norling believes the secret to good refereeing lies in man management. "All other aspects — knowledge, fitness, whatever — are secondary. You must be able to communicate your presence to the players. That doesn't mean that you blow till you're blue in the face but that they know that you will if they force you to."

Mick Cleary

SNOOKER

Five-star play by Johnson

By a Special Correspondent

Joe Johnson and Tony Knowles, the No. 5 seeds, were in the pink at Northampton yesterday after their encouraging start to the £250,000 Fosters world doubles championship.

Knowles, after playing second fiddle for most of the match, finally came good in the fifth frame, knocking in a magnificent break of 110 that included 12 pinks off 12 reds. And with his partner pocketing 61 earlier in the match, their combined total of 171 put them in line for the highest break in the non-televised stages and a share of the £1,250 bonus.

It was all too much for their opponents, Les Dodd and Malcolm Bradley, who were whitewashed 5-0.

"It's a lot easier to make breaks off the pink," Knowles, the world No. 7, said after watching Johnson hit successive breaks of 41, 60 and 61. Added Johnson: "It was a good break because before then Tony had hardly potted a ball. But I was playing quite well so it didn't matter."

Johnson is awaiting the outcome of blood tests after complaining of feeling unwell in the Tennents UK championships at Preston last week.

He was originally scheduled to see a Harley Street specialist after suffering severe chest pains in his quarter-final match with Mike Hallett. But yesterday Johnson said: "I'm feeling great and have had no reaction. If the tests prove negative I won't bother seeing the specialist."

In the other match, Peter Francisco and his uncle, Silvino Francisco, the sixth seeds, trailed Ray Reardon, of Wales, and his English partner, Tony Jones, 3-1.

RESULTS: Third round: J Johnson (Bradford) and T Knowles (Bolton) bt M Bradley (Worksop) and L Dodd (Southport), 5-0.

REAL TENNIS

Senior seed through to second round

By William Stephens

Sheila Macintosh defeated Carolyn Armstrong-Smith 3-6, 6-1, 6-5, in the first round of the George Wimpey women's open singles championship at Hampton Court yesterday.

Armstrong-Smith had the toughest qualifying match beating Jane Vaughan 2-6, 6-5, 6-5. Macintosh, who in her squash-playing days represented England for 10 years, and won the women's British open championship, is the senior competitor among the seeds in the main event.

The first seed is Katrina Allen, a former holder, second is Alex Warren-Piper, third is Lesley Ronaldson, the holder, and seeded fourth is Sally Jones, last year's runner-up and a former US Open champion.

Two leading players are missing from the event: Judy Clarke, of Melbourne, who beat Allen 6-5, 6-4 to retain the world championship in April and Daniele Barrabe, of Bordeaux, who burst into prominence by beating Warren-Piper 5-6, 6-1, 6-1, and then Allen 6-3, 6-3 to win the French Open in October.

SKIING

Svet's will to win conquers her fears on the slopes

Sestriere (Reuter) — A determined Yugoslav is prepared to challenge Swiss dominance of the women's circuit this season.

Mateja Svet, aged 19, who says her overwhelming will to win conquers her every fear on the slopes, last week displayed all the technical skill and aggression needed to capture a share of the World Cup laurels Swiss skiers have grown accustomed to regard as their prerogative.

She finished second in both the slalom and the super-giant here to sweep to the top of the overall rankings after two World Cup races this season.

"It is a very good result for me to be second in both because they are two such different disciplines," she said after missing first place in the super-giant by just five-hundredths of a second.

The strong but graceful Yugoslav, who appears to fly down the slope, shot to prominence earlier this year when she won three medals at the Crans-Montana world championships — a silver in the giant slalom and bronzes in the slalom and super-giant.

"She is extremely aggressive in competition and has a strong mental attitude," the Yugoslav team director, Tone Vogrinec, said. "She will always make an extra run when all the others have given up."


Svet: threat to Swiss

After starting out as a shy and awkward teenager, Miss Svet has gained confidence with each season, particularly after a few weeks last summer spent in Aspen, Colorado, where she also studied English.

She made her World Cup debut in 1984, winning a point with fifteenth place in the slalom at Maribor that year. World Cup victories followed two years later in the giant slalom at Bromont and Vysoke Tatry. By the end of last season she was rated seventh

Graham leads the way

Val d'Isère (Reuter) — Lauric Graham, of Canada, dominated the first training runs for two women's World Cup downhill races in perfect conditions yesterday.

The skier, aged 27, set the fastest practice time in the second timed run, clocking 1min 19.89sec on the 2,199-meter piste, which has a vertical drop of 620 meters.

On the first run, Graham was second behind the Swiss hope, Marlis Spescha, aged 20, who clocked 1:23.24. Heavy snowfalls in the last few weeks have made racing conditions perfect and left the course in excellent shape.

Two women's downhills on Friday and Saturday will be followed by the opening downhill of the men's season on Sunday.

SQUASH RACKETS

Venomous play by Jahangir

From Colin McQuillan
Muscat

Philip Kenyon, four times British champion and second favourite to regain the title next week in Bristol, lost 9-1, 9-6, 9-4 in 48 minutes to Jahangir Khan last night in the quarter-finals of the Al Falaj world grand prix tournament here. But the manner of his defeat served notice on those who may have thought his domestic tenure irrevocably ended by the arrival of a new British generation.

Kenyon lost here to a man shifted from his long dominant role in the international game by the development of the new teenage world champion, Jansher Khan, and a man increasingly enlivened by the experience.

Jahangir was a truly great world champion for five years. Rarely do champions survive undefeated for five and a half years as this man did until overturned by Ross Norman, in Toulouse, 12 months ago.

Since then he has lost to Jansher half a dozen times in successive matches of mounting competitive spirit. He still holds official top world ranking but must change the course of events against the new world champion in the semi-finals here to continue in that role.

Determination to do so shows in every stroke and rally of Jahangir's game. For those dispirited a year or so back by his gradual relaxation into bored supremacy, it is a wonderful bonus to see him hunting the rest of the world's top players with ever-increasing venom.

Kenyon has found a new confidence of his own in the Middle East after a year of indifferent results. He lost in the PIA Masters semi-finals to Jahangir in Karachi last week, and here he was 1-9 and 1-7 down after nearly half an hour of play before he began to find cracks of apparent tiredness in the Pakistani's attack.

Now aged 31 and a decade from his first British title, Kenyon fought the tide with grim application and might have claimed the second game had his late counter-attack not lost vital momentum in a racket change for broken strings.

It was 10 minutes and 14 hands into that game before the Englishman scored a point and six minutes more before he added another. From 2-7 he plugged back to 6-7 in a single hand with shots of such precise power that his stringing eventually broke under the strain.

The pause for selection of a new racket fractured his momentum and Jahangir allowed him no second chance in the 23-minute second game. It was still a good fight to 3-3 in the third game, but a series of piercing volleys and overhead kills took the match beyond Kenyon's reach in another 12 minutes.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt P Kenyon (Eng), 9-1, 9-6, 9-4; C Dittmar (Aus) bt R Hill (Aus), 9-4, 9-1, 9-0.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National League (NFL): Los Angeles Raiders 37, Seattle Seahawks 14.

ATHLETICS

KATMANDU: Everest marathon (72km): 1, S Dutfield (GB), 4hr 52min 10sec; 2, P Magar (Nepal), 4:53.40; 3, P Hadley-Smith (GB), 5:00.06.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks 104, Indiana Pacers 94; Philadelphia 76ers 106, Utah Jazz 100.
BELGRADE: European Cup Winners' Cup: Quarter-final: Group A: Novi Belgrade (Yug) 84, Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 81.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	11	11	0	22
Manchester Utd	12	10	2	20
Portsmouth	11	9	2	18
Livingston	11	8	3	16
Hemel/Watford	13	7	6	14
Calderdale	10	7	3	14
Birmingham	12	7	5	14
Solent	11	7	4	14
Bolton/Bury	11	6	5	12
Bracknell	10	5	5	10
Sunderland	13	4	9	8
Leicester	10	3	7	6
Derby	13	2	12	4
Oldham	13	1	12	2
BCP London	11	0	11	0

ETON FIVES

HIGHGATE: Adams Cup: Semi-finals: B Matthews and J Gee-Grant bt A Kong and T Brooks, 2-0; C Jones and M Reynolds bt M Sopwith and M Tudor, 2-0. Final: Matthews and Gee-Grant bt Jones and Reynolds, 2-0. Plate: Final: K Brooks and G Israel bt B Todd and P Snies, 2-0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 6, Boston Bruins 4; Calgary Flames 4, Chicago Black Hawks 0.

REAL TENNIS

HAMPTON COURT: George Wimpey men's open singles championship: Third round: J Howell (Bordeaux) bt K Shelton (Leamington), 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; C Bray (Seacourt) bt P Brake (Seacourt), 6-5, 6-2, 6-3. Doubles: Second round: Howell and Sheldon bt K King (Holyport) and G Wharton (Newport, Rhode Island), 6-0, 6-2, 8-2; W Davies (New York) and L Daudnar (Melbourne) bt Brake and Bray, 6-0, 6-0, 6-1.

FOOTBALL

BUDAPEST: European under-21 championship: Group five: Hungary 4, Cyprus 1. Final standings: Greece, played 5, points 9, Hungary 6, 7; Poland, 6, 6; Cyprus, 0, 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Nuneaton 0, Worcester 1. Midland division: Hednesford 1, Paget Rangers 0.
WELSH CUP: Third round: Hereford 0, Kidderminster 3.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Mossley 1, Burton 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Everton 2, Barnsley 0; Brighton 2, Staines 1; Wimbledon 1, Crystal Palace 0; West Bromwich Albion 4, Colchester 1; Hull 0, Liverpool 2, Sheffield United 0, Soave 3.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Mansfield 2, Notts County 1.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division north: Postponed: Harlow v Tilbury (fog). Second division south: Ruislip 4, Southall 1.
AC Delco Cup. Second round: Royston 1, Carshalton 5.
MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: First round: Staines 2, Hayes 1, Wealdstone 1, Yeading 1.
MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP: First round: Hounslow 1, Brentford 2.
SOMERSET SENIOR CUP: Third qualifying round: Weston-super-Mare 2, Yeovil 0.
ESFA Gillette Trophy: Fourth round: Lea Valley 2, Lincoln 0.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester 9, Bath 16.

SQUASH RACKETS

AMERICAN EXPRESS LEAGUE: Second division centre: Eagbaston Priory 0, Trial Thornbridge 5, Kingsloms Newcastle 3, Pontefract Whitelane 2.

TENNIS

ATP MONEY-WINNERS: 1, I Lendl (Cz), $993,656 (£543,000); 2, S Edberg (Swe), $837,467; 3, M Mecir (Cz), $860,326; 4, M Wilander (Swe), $672,874; 5, P Cash (Aus), $460,934; 6, T Mayotte (US), $413,821; 7, B Gilbert (US), $396,187; 8, A Gomez (Ec), $375,813; 9, B Becker (WG), $371,979; 10, E Sanchez (Sp), $366,158.
BUENOS AIRES: Argentinian women's open: First round: N Marcuco (Arg) bt A Rades (Arg), 7-5, 6-1; A Tezzo (Arg) bt J Golder (US), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3; K Skuli (Yug) bt A Villagran (Arg), 6-2, 6-0; J Hetherington (Can) bt C Cohen (Switz), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; A Viera (Br) bt K Adams (US), 6-3, 6-4; Y Derkinderen (Neth) bt G Fanzo (Braz), 6-3, 6-2; G Mro (Br) bt A Grunfeld (GB), 6-1, 6-1; P Vazquez (Peru) bt B Drescher (Austria), 6-3, 6-3; A Bretzner (WG) bt L Gould (GB), 6-3, 6-0; Y Nelson-Dunbar (US) bt L Barnett (US), 6-1, 7-5; K Duell (WG) bt S Norris (US), 4-6, 7-6, 8-2; C Chrabat (US) bt K Oberleimer (Austria), 6-2, ret; L Tella (Ven) bt B Reinstadler (Austria), 7-5, 6-3; L Pennington (GB) bt C Bakkum (Neth), 6-3, 6-3, E Galpinn (US) bt C Jones (US), 6-0, 6-0; S Hack (WG) bt A Frazier (US), 6-3, 6-3.

RACKETS

CLIFTON: Tyzack Professionals Challenge: First leg: S Hazell (Clifton) bt N Smith (Queen's), 6-15, 15-5, 15-12, 17-15, 15-1.
CHARTERHOUSE: The Jesters bt Charterhouse 3-0 (Jesters names first): L O Bridgeman and J G Hughes bt J L Courtauld and J Acheson-Grey 15-5, 16-7, 7-15, 15-8, 15-4; T J Mahoan and D F MacDonald bt M Stecher and D Schrieta, 16-17 5-15, 15-12, 15-11, 15-10, 18-13; G Howard and J Knight bt W Chignell and R Lawson, 15-9, 15-10, 15-12, 13-18, 15-4.

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Dispute over move to privatize sports facilities

By John Goodbody

A dispute between the Government and the national governing bodies broke out yesterday over proposals to privatize municipal sports facilities.

The Amateur Athletic Association (AAA) yesterday attacked the policy, saying it would "price out" young people and have a catastrophic effect on the sport.

The Government's far-reaching proposals affecting clubs and individuals using publicly owned facilities are now certain to face a crescendo of criticism on Friday when all the national governing bodies debate the issue at the annual conference of the Central Council for Physical Recreation in Birmingham.

The Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) was last night the first body to back the AAA's stand.

On December 11 the Department of the Environment will decide how to implement its consultation paper, *Competition in the Management of Local Authority Sport and Leisure Facilities*, which was presented to the public in September.

The AAA has written to Colin Moynihan, an Under-Secretary at the Department and the Minister for Sport, putting a five-point opposition to the paper. Its spokesman, Tony Ward, said yesterday: "We believe these proposals will mean that many young athletes, especially, for instance, black youngsters in inner-city areas for whom sport is a means to break the vice of their environment, will be priced out of taking part.

"We shall oppose such measures very vigorously."

The AAA says:
1. Operating facilities at unsocial hours would not present an attractive return for a company bent on profit.
2. Any dramatic increase in costs for the use of facilities would cause massive reduction in the number of young participants.
3. High hiring costs would lead to athletics clubs going out of business.
4. Under new proposals some clubs would lose vital income of catering concessions.
5. High maintenance costs of tracks could lead to neglect.

David Reeves, the ASA secretary, immediately gave the body's support, saying: "I am delighted to hear the AAA has reacted in this way.

"We are strongly opposed to the privatizion of swimming pools. We already have to rely on the helpful attitude of local authorities so that our top competitive swimmers can train at unsocial hours. With privatization we would have had no such guarantee."

A spokesman for the Department of the Environment said: "The last thing the Minister and the Department want is for less-well-off people, such as the unemployed and those from special schools, to be priced out of local municipal facilities.

"What is proposed is not privatization of facilities. It is competition in the management of local authorities' sports facilities. It would be for local authorities themselves to see if there should be a subsidy. The minister welcomes discussion on what is, after all, a consultation document."

The Government stresses that, contrary to widespread belief, it wants local authorities to aim at those members of the community who may be unable to pay the full market rate, such as the unemployed, the elderly and school groups.

However, the trend of Government thinking was made clear in a recent speech by Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment. He said: "Capital spending finances new council homes, sports centres, leisure centres, shopping centres as well as many other things. But do such things need to be provided at public expense at all, let alone by permanent public investment? Why not let the private sector provide many of these things? Maybe it would provide them better."

As one campaign ends tonight another begins

Nevin given another chance

From Roddy Forsyth
Esch-sur-Alzette

The recent and significant shift in Scotland's football fortunes was evident a few minutes after the national team arrived in Luxembourg for the final fixture of their European Championship qualifying group. As Andy Roxburgh held a brief Press conference inside the airport terminal, he was visibly a more composed figure than the man who exclaimed in anguish, after Scotland's 4-1 defeat by Belgium in Brussels last spring: "I didn't ask to be given this job."

Of course, the Scots cannot now qualify for next summer's finals in West Germany, and Luxembourg is hardly a name that is surrounded by an aura of menace, but the coach is entitled to suppose that he has had a poor deal from the fates lately as his original squad selection for this match has been wrecked by injuries.

Scotland will play with three forwards, Sharp partnering Johnston. The third player is Nevin, and the Chelsea man has the obvious job of creating profitable cross balls for the tall Sharp. Of more importance for his own future, Nevin will be scrutinized for evidence of what he can add to Scotland's prospects in the forthcoming World Cup qualifying campaign.

"As you know that is the case for all of our players," Roxburgh said, "but yes, this is an opportunity for Pat to demonstrate that he can be part of our plans."

Roxburgh was at pains to point out that for Nevin, who is given a free-ranging role at Chelsea, to display his talent to advantage he has to be supported by players operating in a way that is not at present part of the Scottish method. This was why he had not been used from the start of a match since February.

Tonight's teams

LUXEMBOURG: Van Rijswijck; Meunier, Weis, Bossi, Petry, Girres, Jeitz, Barboni, Scholten, Langers, Reiters. Substitutes: Konsbruck, Schonckert, Thome, Salbene, Krings.

SCOTLAND: J Leighton (Aberdeen); M Malpas (Dundee United), A McLeish (Aberdeen, capt), W Miller (Aberdeen), D Whyte (Celtic), P McStay (Celtic), R Aitken (Celtic), I Wilson (Everton), P Nevin (Chelsea), G Sharp (Everton), M Johnston (Nantes). Substitutes: H Smith (Heart of Midlothian), D McPherson (Heart of Midlothian), G Mackay (Heart of Midlothian), E Black (Metz), G Durie (Chelsea).



World Cup hopeful: Pat Nevin will be given the opportunity to make an impression tonight

Clough backs Maxwell over League's 'incompetence'

By Chris Moore

Robert Maxwell found an ally in Brian Clough last night. The Nottingham Forest manager spoke in defence of the beleaguered publishing tycoon, highlighting his services to the game and criticizing the Football League management committee.

Clough said: "He may not be the Archangel Gabriel, but he has not broken the law of the land, hasn't committed any crime and has simply exposed the weakest link in the Football League's rules.

"If necessary, the League should have hired Perry Mason and half the Law Society to ensure there wasn't the slightest loophole in the regulations.

"Maxwell referred to the League management committee as incompetent bungling amateurs. But I dare not say what I really think of them because I guarantee they would lock me up and throw away the key.

"They must shoulder their share of the responsibility for the storm that followed his take-over of Watford, and should be asking a few questions about themselves."

But Clough, in his column in the *Nottingham Evening Post*, warned that Maxwell should not think he can carry on expanding his football empire. "The rest of us wouldn't allow that to happen. We would gang up on him like never before to prevent it. But I don't think it will ever come to that because I sincerely believe he knows when to stop — and that is now.

"There are still some things that baffle me about the bloke, like why he loves seeing his mug across the back pages, because Robert Redford he certainly ain't. He does not need the publicity and has so much money that if he wanted to collect stamps he could afford to buy the Post Office.

"But our game has given him something else — a platform that his millions could never buy. But I don't begrudge him capitalizing on it because he has turned around Oxford's fortunes, saved Derby from the knackers' yard and bought Watford when no one else was interested.

"The only thing I would say to him is a bit of advice. The guy on the terraces identifies himself with the club he supports, which he regards as being his team, but Robert Maxwell is in danger of becoming bigger than the club he runs."

DeFreitas Test challenge as Dilley makes comeback

Graham Dilley, the England fast bowler who has yet to bowl a competitive ball this winter, has been given the chance to push himself into contention for the second Test match against Pakistan, which will start on Monday.

Dilley, aged 28, is included in the England team for the three-day match against the Chief Minister's XI in Sahiwal, beginning today, with the incentive of turning in a good performance in front of the management, and ousting DeFreitas for the Faisalabad Test.

Having missed the World Cup through injury, Dilley was then overlooked for all three one-day internationals against Pakistan and last week's crushing innings and 87-run defeat in the first Test

Now, with Neil Foster seemingly established as an automatic choice, the Worcestershire paceman's performance will be measured against that of Phillip DeFreitas. Both are included for a match that should provide plenty of clues about the Faisalabad line-up.

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The captain, Mike Gatting, Foster and Graham Gooch are staying behind in Lahore, however, their absence leaves room for direct comparisons. Bill Athey and Tim Robinson, both of whom failed in the series opener, have Neil Fairbrother as a genuine rival at Sahiwal. And the selectors will also size up the success of the spinners, John Emburey, Nick Cook and Eddie Hemmings on what promises to be another slow turner.

One man apparently not under pressure is Bruce French, the wicketkeeper, despite a disappointing Test match behind the stumps. He keeps his place at Sahiwal and, barring a nightmare, will shut the door on Jack Russell.

Misfortune, meanwhile, continues to follow the promising Yorkshire fast bowler, Paul Jarvis. Having seen his hopes of playing in the World Cup wrecked by a shoulder injury, Jarvis, aged 24, has been ruled out with an infected finger.

Park's written protest

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Waterloo, the only other unbeaten Rugby Union team in the Courage Clubs Championship first division apart from Leicester, are awaiting the arrival of a letter of protest from Rosslyn Park before making any comments about allegations of unwarranted rough play in the non-league match between the two clubs at Roehampton on Saturday.

During the match, Chris Mantel, the Park flanker, had his nose broken in two places and some verbal protests were made afterwards to Waterloo officials. "We expected some form of protest but the first I knew of a letter was reading about it in the Press," Keith Alderson, the Waterloo secretary, said yesterday.

"We do have our own disciplinary committee and procedures and any complaint against the club will obviously be discussed. We value the club's good name very highly."

McCourt to face new ban

Graham McCourt was in trouble with the stewards at Huntingdon yesterday, exactly a year after he earned a 28-day ban for causing intentional interference.

McCourt was this time stood down for four days for careless riding that happened when his mount, Royal Treaty, interfered with Run By Jove on the final bend of the Houghton Selling Hurdle.

Run By Jove was temporarily hemmed in on the rail, and his jockey, Simon McNeill, responded by lashing out with his whip. He also received a suspension for improper riding.

The bans run from December 10 to 13 inclusive. Royal Treaty and Run By Jove finished second and third to Donna's Darling but the placings were reversed after the inquiry.

McCourt said: "I was stunned at the result. For my money I hadn't done anything wrong. We were upsides each other and barely touched. We were absolutely shocked that anything came out of the inquiry."

McCourt was suspended for 28 days by the Jockey Club's Disciplinary Committee last year after his horse was disqualified for causing interference in a race at Nottingham on December 1.

Surface trials inconclusive

The Jockey Club seemed no nearer to solving problems of all-weather tracks after trials on two artificial surfaces, Equitrack and Fibresand, were put under close scrutiny at Newmarket yesterday.

Although the jockeys taking part came down on the side of Fibresand, no firm conclusions were drawn from the trials.

The Jockey Club is to discuss the all-weather programme on Monday, but General Sir Cecil Blacker, chairman of the working party, admitted: "There are a lot of problems to iron out."

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Clark is kept in hospital

The Leyton Orient manager, Frank Clark, was held overnight in an East London hospital after a ball hit him in the face during training yesterday.

Clark was watching an eight-a-side practice match at Orient's Walthamstow training ground when he was hit in the eye by a wayward shot from Micky Conroy. Clark suffered concussion.

A Leyton Orient spokesman said: "Frank is being detained in a local hospital for overnight observation. He went to hospital for tests and we are hoping it is nothing too serious.

I am sure he will be back in charge as soon as he is able."

In Clark's absence, the first-team coach, Pat Holland, the former West Ham player, will take charge of preparations for Saturday's FA Cup second round home game with Swansea.

Brown is in but he could soon be out

By Dennis Shaw

Ken Brown took charge of Shrewsbury Town yesterday with an each-way option that was unusual even by football's bizarre standards. The former Norwich City manager, who was dismissed three weeks ago, has given a group of shareholders an undertaking to return to Carrow Road if they win their battle to have him reinstated.

An extraordinary general meeting is being called by the Norwich rebel group early in the New Year to table a resolution aimed at reversing the decision to dismiss him. "I am not taking a contract at Shrewsbury because my backers at Norwich have asked me not to commit myself to anything yet," Brown said.

The rebels intend to propose a vote of no confidence in the Norwich chairman, Robert Chase. Roy Blower, a local businessman and a key figure in the revolt, said: "The fact Ken Brown has gone to Shrewsbury won't make any difference. The things we are concerned about have been going on for a long time and his sacking was simply the straw that broke the camel's back."

Shrewsbury feel that his experience and expertise can arrest the club's decline. They suffered nine defeats in 10 games leading up to the dismissal of Chic Bates last week.

Despite the uncertainty, Brown set about his job at Gay Meadow as though it were permanent and tackled a dispute with the club's most valuable player, Bernard McNally. The Northern Ireland international confirmed after Brown had called a players' meeting that he will continue to seek a move.

"He told me that, although I was an international, his reports were that I had been messing about," McNally, who is on the transfer list, said. "It has made me more determined than ever to get a move."

Sidelined almost instantly

Andy Gray, Aston Villa's recent signing from Crystal Palace, has collected a three-match ban only days after making his first appearance for his new club. Gray had 20 disciplinary points when he was signed by Villa for £150,000 a fortnight ago, and was booked again on his debut at Bradford on Saturday.

He will be able to play against Swindon Town at Villa Park on Saturday, but will then be out of the side until after Christmas.

Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, said: "We were aware of Andy's disciplinary record when we signed him, and Saturday's booking put him over the 21-point limit. The annoying thing is that it sets back his settling-in period. After Saturday he is not available again until December 28."

● Wimbledon will be without Brian Gayle and Carlton Fairweather for their trip to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday week and their home game with Norwich on December 18. They will be suspended following their dismissals at Chelsea last Saturday.

● Joe Joyce, the Barnsley captain, will spend Christmas and the New Year at home with his family. He took his disciplinary points record over the 21 mark with his booking at Middlesbrough on Saturday, and receives an automatic three-match ban. Joyce will return for the home fixture against Aston Villa on January 2.

Forest game live on TV

Nottingham Forest will receive their first live television exposure of the season early in the New Year.

Forest's first division game at Everton will be screened by BBC, which has also selected Arsenal v Manchester United on January 24 for live coverage. The televised games this month are Liverpool v Chelsea on Sunday (ITV) and Coventry v Arsenal (BBC).

SPORT IN BRIEF

No boycott for China

Peking (AFP) — China has told North Korea that it will attend the 1988 Seoul Olympics even if Pyongyang tries to organize a boycott of the Games, reliable Eastern European sources said yesterday.

In mid-November, the Chinese Communist Party Secretary, General Zhao Ziyang, told the North Korean Premier, Li Gun-Mo, that politics should be kept out of international sports events. Most of the Eastern bloc countries are also said to be planning to attend the Games.

At the summit

Nepal (AP) — Stewart Dutifield, of Britain, aged 32, ran 45 miles in 4hr 52min 10sec to win the Mount Everest marathon by a minute and a half yesterday. Another Briton, Peter Hadley, finished third.



McNulty: has pneumonia

McNulty out

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Pneumonia has forced the South African, Mark McNulty, to pull out of the Sun City Million-Dollar golf challenge, which starts tomorrow. McNulty, the winner of last year's tournament, will be replaced by his compatriot, Fulton Allem, in the field of eight. Two Britons, Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam, will be chasing the first prize of $1 million (about £546,000).

Fate of Foy

Des Foy, the Oldham and Great Britain centre, has been ruled out of the John Player Special Trophy semi-final against St Helens on December 19, even though he will have completed a three-match ban. The other semi-final is being played a week earlier, so Foy is still technically under suspension.

Double fault

Bad behaviour is rife among Britain's young tennis players, according to a survey released yesterday. The survey, conducted by *Tennis World*, claims that racket abuse and arguments with umpires are common in junior competition.

Backing out

Paraguay (Reuter) — Victor Pecci, the tennis player, will be unable to play for Paraguay against Czechoslovakia in the Davis Cup in February because of a back injury.

END COLUMN

Sport in the money sector

By Colin Moynihan
Minister for Sport

This is a stimulating time for those interested in sports policy. On November 19 I wrote to John Smith, the chairman of the Sports Council, to open a debate on the direction that our sports policies should take in the next few years. This afternoon, the annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR) begins in Birmingham. Parliamentary business prevents me from attending, but I hope that that my letter will be a major talking point both on and off the conference floor.

My letter to John Smith was an open one. I sent copies to all the governing bodies of sport and to a range of other interested bodies. My purpose was to pose what seemed to me to be the central questions for the future direction of sports policy.

The present Government has increased substantially the resources available to the Sports Council for the development and promotion of sport — from £15 million when we came to office to nearly £39 million next year. But our role remains limited — quite rightly since we are not in the business of emulating Eastern Europe. We therefore have to look at the ordering of our priorities and the scope for attracting additional resources from the private sector.

Close interest in taxpayers' money

There are two key questions. First, are we striking the right balance between funding sporting excellence and the encouragement of wider participation in sport? Second, are we doing enough, in the right ways, to promote private-sector investment in sport?

These questions give rise to a number of other more specific questions about the Sports Council's policies which my letter explores and on which I welcome views. They also tie in closely with the questions which the Sports Council itself asked earlier this year in its consultation paper, "Sport in the Community: Which Way Forward?"

It has to be right that the Minister for Sport should take a close interest in how taxpayers' money is used to develop and promote sport. But I must emphasize that my letter was not designed to impose a new set of priorities on the Sports Council. Rather, it was an attempt to build on the council's own consultation exercise. I want to consider *with* the council, *with* the governing bodies and *with* others what our policies should be for the 1990s.

I hope that those attending the CCPR's conference and others will look carefully at these issues and let me have their considered views. Ill-considered and negative responses will not help the debate. I was disappointed that the CCPR's general secretary was tempted into such a comment on the day my letter was published (*The Times*, November 20).

Private sector sponsorship

It is crucial that we take a positive — and considered — look at the scope for increased private-sector sponsorship of sport. Estimates of the present level of sponsorship vary between £160 million and £200 million a year. That represents between four and five times the Government's grant to the Sports Council; more than 10 times the level of grant in 1979.

Of course, the companies involved see it as in their commercial interest to associate their names with sport. But it seems to me equally self-evident that sport should take as much advantage as possible of those commercial attitudes. That is why my letter to John Smith asks what more we can do to promote sponsorship at all levels of sport.

I am not saying that we should deprive sporting bodies of funds. On the contrary, the significant increase in next year's Sports Council grant which the Government has provided can only benefit sporting bodies. What I am asking is, what scope exists for finding new sources of funds for sport? I hope that one of the products of the debate that is starting will be a more co-ordinated approach to promoting and attracting private sponsorship.

We have launched the debate. I hope that today's conference in Birmingham will carry it forward in a way that will benefit the interests of sport.